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1808	Robert Hibbard.....	Oct. 10, 1812	24	3	1818	Cyrus Story.....	Dec. 15, 1864	91	15	
1791	Anning Owen.....	April 1814	62	19	1831	Chandler Wheeler...		1864	57	
1816	Alpheus Davis.....		1820	27	4	1860	Elam J. Jeffers.....	Jan. 5, 1865	35	
1812	Alanson Gifford.....	Sept. 29, 1822	34	4	1859	Eli H. Brown.....	March 21, 1865	28	4	
1818	James G. Peal.....	Dec. 25, 1822	4		1835	Hiram Sanford.....	May 16, 1865	60	28	
1820	Philetus Parkus.....		1826	6	1839	David Ferris.....	May 27, 1865	60	24	
1814	Peter F. Baker.....	April 30, 1829	38	15	1812	Rinaldo M. Evarts.....	July 20, 1865	77	53	
1821	Denniston Smith.....	Aug. 22, 1832	33	11	1826	Joseph Pearsall.....	Sept. 22, 1865	65	39	
1819	Chester V. Adgate.....	Feb. 4, 1833	37	14	1855	De Bias Worthington	Sept. 25, 1865	35	10	
1820	Caleb Kendall.....	Nov. 15, 1833	36	13	1852	John E. Hyde.....	Oct. 5, 1865	36	11	
1825	Menzor Doud.....	April 27, 1834	31	9	1846	John Kennard.....	Oct. 10, 1865	53	19	
1829	Joseph Tompkinson...	Sept. 15, 1835	51	6	1845	Schuyler Parker.....	Feb. 4, 1866	49	21	
1834	Wilber Hoag.....	April 12, 1839	32	13	1835	Edward O. Hall.....	March 2, 1866	53	29	
1825	John Easter.....	July 6, 1842	41	10	1838	John Mandeville.....	March 29, 1866	56	26	
1830	Ira Brownson.....	June 27, 1843	23		1833	E. C. Sanborn.....	April 20, 1867	73	34	
1810	Seth Mattison.....	Oct. 18, 1843	55	33	1831	Salmon Judd.....	Aug. 14, 1867	69	34	
1836	Nelson Hoag.....	Aug. 10, 1844	33	8	1848	Benjamin F. McNeal...	Nov. 27, 1867	43	19	
1835	Clark A. Smith.....	Sept. 13, 1844	33	9	1832	John Robinson.....	Jan. 9, 1868	66	34	
1834	Philander Powers.....	Sept. 1845	31	11	1853	Griffin Smith.....	April 29, 1868	54	15	
1840	Charles W. Barclay...	Jan. 25, 1847	29	6	1847	Sylvester L. Congdon	May 27, 1868	42	19	
1817	John A. Alverson.....	April 21, 1850	56	32	1856	Milton H. Rice.....	Nov. 19, 1868	40	12	
1818	Parker Buell.....		1851	32	1867	John J. Wilson.....	Nov. 28, 1868	29	1	
1823	Marshall St. John.....	July 5, 1852	47	19	1831	John Shaw.....	Jan. 16, 1869	61	36	
1848	William O. Fuller.....	Feb. 10, 1853	34	3	1835	Samuel C. Church.....	Feb. 23, 1869	70	34	
1843	John Caine.....		1853	40	9	1847	Elisha Sweet.....	Sept. 7, 1869	59	20
1829	Zina J. Buck.....		1854	24	1811	Samuel Luckey.....	Oct. 11, 1869	78	58	
1810	Jonathan Heustis.....	Feb. 8, 1854	67		1853	George E. Havens.....	May 27, 1870	47	15	
1810	Abner Chase.....	April 27, 1854	71	43	1809	Loring Grant.....	Sept. 15, 1870	81	59	
1828	Gideon Osband.....	June 7, 1855	54	25	1838	Charles S. Davis.....	Nov. 5, 1870	30		
1804	Robert Burch.....	July -1, 1855	77		1849	John F. Derr.....	Dec. 13, 1870	47	21	
1830	William D. Jewett.....	Nov. 10, 1855	67	23	1807	William Snow.....	July 5, 1871	88	62	
1811	Ira Fairbank.....	May 31, 1857	70	44	1826	Philo Woodworth.....	Aug. 23, 1871	70	44	
1811	Elijah Hebard.....	Jan. 25, 1858	70	45	1820	Manly Tooker.....	Dec. 30, 1871	73	52	
1848	William C. Kendall...	Feb. 1, 1858	35	10	1862	Robert O. Wilson.....	April 12, 1872	35	10	
1811	Palmer Roberts.....	April 19, 1858	78	45	1818	Micah Seager.....	May 26, 1872	82	54	
1850	Ralph D. Brooks.....	Jan. 9, 1859	34	7	1834	John E. Robie.....	May 26, 1872	62	38	
1850	James R. Wooley.....	Feb. 21, 1859	36	5	1831	Allen Steele.....	Jan. 14, 1873	65	42	
1837	John B. Jenkins.....	Aug. 7, 1859	48	22	1856	Timothy W. Potter...	Feb. 25, 1873	56	17	
1858	Isaac A. Staats.....	Sept. 11, 1859	23	1	1828	Nathan S. Clark.....	March 3, 1873	65	45	
1835	Moses Crow.....	Oct. 3, 1859	43	18	1838	Henry Ryan Smith...	April 28, 1873	61	35	
1828	Sheldon Doolittle...		1860	30	1829	Thomas Carlton.....	April 17, 1874	66	45	
1856	Henry C. Brown.....	Sept. 22, 1860	27	2	1855	Charles Bush.....	July 22, 1874	55	19	
1831	James Durham.....	March 2, 1861	61	28	1840	C. D. Burlingham.....	Sept. 30, 1874	64	34	
1803	Gideon Draper.....	Dec. 8, 1861	81	56	1833	Schuyler Seager.....	Oct. 22, 1874	67	40	
1836	Elbridge G. Townsend	Sept. 10, 1862	51	24	1820	Robert Parker.....	Dec. 3, 1874	82	54	
1813	Nathan B. Dodson...	Sept. 25, 1862	74	47	1818	Veranus Brownell...	Dec. 11, 1874	64	33	
1838	Sheldon H. Baker.....	March 6, 1863	46	18	1813	Glezen Fillmore.....	Jan. 26, 1875	86	56	
1829	Ebenezer Colson.....	Dec. 16, 1863	58	19	1850	I. Chamberlayne.....	March 20, 1875	80	62	
1848	Benajah Williams...	Jan. 22, 1864	74	46	1841	Wm. I. Richards.....	May 22, 1876	60	25	
1843	Milo Scott.....	Oct. 1, 1864	46	21						

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CONDENSED MINUTES.

THE WESTERN NEW YORK ANNUAL CONFERENCE met in Asbury Church, Buffalo, for its FOURTH session, Thursday, September 30th, 1875, at 9 o'clock A. M.

Bishop ANDREWS, the President, called the meeting to order, and read for Scripture lessons the 122d and 133d psalms. Hymn No. 213 was sung, and Rev. Gershom Benedict led in prayer. Hymn No. 267 was sung, and the Sacrament of Our Lord's Supper was administered by the Bishop, assisted by the Presiding Elders and others.

The Roll of Conference was called by the Secretary of last year's session.

K. P. Jervis was elected Secretary, and C. C. Wilbor, J. T. Brownell, L. F. Congdon and F. M. Smith, assistants.

The hours of meeting and adjournment were fixed at 8.45 A. M. and 12 M., respectively.

The bar of the Conference was determined.

The Presiding Elders made nominations for the standing committees, which were adopted by the Conference.

The Presiding Elders were requested to nominate additional committees on The State of the Church, and to report a plan of organization for a Conference Historical Society, and a member to preach a Conference sermon at the next session.

The 8th Disciplinary Question, "Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?" was taken up, and the list gone through.

The 9th Question was taken up, viz.: "Who are the Superannuated Preachers?" and the list gone through.

Five of the number, viz.: Israel Chamberlayne, Glezen Fillmore, Schuyler Seager, Robert Parker and Veranus Brownell, had died since the last session.

Bro. R. M. Stratton, transferred from the New York Conference, was presented.

The time for the Memorial Service was fixed at 10.30 o'clock Monday morning.

The 10th Question was taken up, and the Effective Elders on Buffalo, Niagara, Rochester and Lima Districts reported, and were passed.

Conference requested the Bishop to transfer Rev. Thos. J. Leake from the Arkansas to the Western New York Conference.

Ordered, that the election of delegates to the General Conference be made a special order for 10.30 o'clock, Friday morning.

Ordered, that an afternoon session be held at 2.30 o'clock, for the reception of statistics and Conference collections.

Rev. Dr. Rust, Secretary of the Freedmen's Aid Society, Rev. Bro. Flood, of German Church, and Rev. A. Hall, of Erie Conference, were presented.

Notices were presented, and Conference adjourned with doxology, and benediction by Dr. Rust.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, *September 30.*

Conference met at 2.30 o'clock, Dr. J. B. Wentworth in the chair. Devotional services were conducted by Bro. Wm. Bradley.

The list of charges was called over, and a large part of the pastors reported their statistics, and paid over their Conference collections to the proper committees.

Notices published, and Conference adjourned.

FRIDAY MORNING, *October 1.*

Conference met at 8.45 A. M. The devotional services were led by Dr. Wilbor. The roll of absentees was called.

Minutes read and approved.

A report from the Minard Home was presented by Dr. Hunt, and a draft for \$300 was ordered.

A draft for \$30 on the chartered fund ordered.

The following resolutions were offered by Rev. O. S. Chamberlayne :

Resolved, That we respectfully request the General Conference, to be convened at St. Louis, Mo., May 1, 1876, to so change the Discipline as to make the Presiding Elders elective by the Annual Conferences.

Adopted by a count vote of 118 ayes to 11 nays.

Resolved, That we also request that the Discipline be so changed as to make it the duty of the Presiding Bishops, with the Presiding Elders, to form the districts subject to the approval of the Annual Conferences.

Adopted by a count vote of 109 ayes to 8 nays.

Chancellor Haven was presented to the Conference.

Dr. F. W. D. Ward, Agent of American Bible Society, presented, and briefly addressed the Conference.

Bro. Curtiss, Agent of Syracuse University, Dr. Hotchkiss, of Baptist Church, Bro. Wetherby, of the Minard Home, and Bro. O. H. Warren, acting editor of the *Northern Christian Advocate*, were presented.

The 4th Question taken up, "Who are admitted into full connection?"

The class was called forward, examined and addressed by the Bishop.

By request of Conference, the Bishop asked each member, "Do you use tobacco?" and all answered in the negative.

The Bishop announced Rev. T. J. Leake, from the Arkansas Conference, Rev. Ira G. Bidwell, from the New England Conference, and Rev. F. D. Goodrich, from the Providence Conference, transferred to this body.

Dr. E. Wentworth, editor *Ladies' Repository*, and Bros. Sears, Gray and Horton, of Erie Conference, were presented.

Special order, viz.: election of delegates to the General Conference taken up.

C. S. Baker, D. Leisenring, J. C. Hitchcock, Geo. Stratton, P. R. Stover and H. Van Benschoten acted as tellers. Conference voted for five delegates, and the tellers retired with Secretaries Congdon and Smith.

Dr. Rust addressed the Conference.

Bros. Chambers, Wentworth and Wilbor were made a committee to confer with Bro. Wetherby concerning Minard Home.

Notices were given, and Conference adjourned till 2.30 P. M., with doxology, and benediction by Father Orcutt.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, *October 1.*

Conference met at 2.30 o'clock. Devotions were led by Bro. O. M. Leggett. Minutes read and approved.

The tellers came in and reported: votes cast, 161. S. Hunt having received 120, and J. B. Wentworth 113, were declared elected. Conference voted for three delegates, and the tellers retired.

A committee was ordered on the financial condition of Batavia Church.

The 3d Question taken up, "Who remain on trial?"

The 7th Question taken up, "Who have been elected and ordained Elders?"

The tellers came in and reported: votes cast, 154. W. H. De Puy, having received 78, was declared elected. Conference voted for two delegates, and the tellers retired.

Trustees of Conference Funds reported, and a draft for \$99.40 was ordered.

The 6th Question taken up, "Who are Deacons of the 2d class?"

The tellers came in and reported: votes cast, 151. K. P. Jervis, having received 90, was declared elected. Conference voted for one delegate, and the tellers retired. The tellers soon returned, and announced that no election had been made. Conference voted again, and the tellers retired.

The 10th Question resumed.

The Effective Elders on Bath District were passed.

The tellers came in and reported that J. N. Brown had received 81 votes, being a majority, and he was declared elected.

K. D. Nettleton and A. F. Morey were elected reserve delegates.

Notices were published, and Conference adjourned with doxology and benediction.

SATURDAY MORNING, *October 2.*

Conference met at 8.45 o'clock. Devotional services led by Bro. R. L. Waite. The minutes were read and approved.

The 10th Question resumed.

Effective Elders of Genesee and Olean Districts passed.

The 7th Question resumed.

The following was adopted:

Whereas, The late Abel Minard, of Morristown, N. J., formerly of Lockport, N. Y., did give to the Methodist Episcopal Church, a property in the city of Morristown, N. J., consisting of grounds and buildings valued at about \$60,000, for the purpose of providing a Christian home for the daughters of our foreign missionaries, and also for the daughters of deceased ministers of the Methodist Episcopal Church at home as well as abroad; therefore,

Resolved, That we approve of the establishment of this Home, and earnestly commend it to the attention and liberality of the members of our Church, both lay and clerical.

Resolved, That we will, so far as we are able and have opportunity, aid the Superintendent, Rev. S. Wetherby, in his efforts to secure a sufficient endowment for this Home.

Bro. Wetherby addressed the Conference.

A petition from Trustees of Niagara Falls Church was presented, and Dr. Hunt asked aid in its behalf from the Conference. About \$400 was promptly promised.

Rev. O. H. Warren, acting editor of the *Northern Advocate*, addressed the Conference.

Bro. Phillips, publishing agent, addressed the Conference, and was followed by Dr. W. H. De Puy.

The roll was called and a committee appointed to collect funds for publishing the Minutes.

The Bishop was requested to nominate the Examining Committees for next year, and the Presiding Elders to nominate the Triers of Appeals.

It was

Resolved, That inasmuch as the pastors and official members of our Churches in the city of Baltimore are unanimous in inviting the General Conference to hold its approaching session in said city, and the pastors and officary of the city of St. Louis consent to the acceptance of this invitation, we do hereby recommend that Baltimore be chosen as the seat of the next General Conference.

Notices were published, and Conference adjourned with doxology and benediction.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, *October 2.*

The Annual Missionary Sermon was preached by K. P. Jarvis, from John xvi., 33: "I have overcome the world." Theme: The Gospel that will conquer.

SUNDAY, October 3.

Bishop ANDREWS preached in the morning from I. Timothy, i. 5, and ordained Deacons as below certified.

In the afternoon Dr. Erastus Wentworth preached from I. Corinthians, i. 23, and the Elders were ordained as below certified.

This certifies that at Buffalo, N. Y., on Sunday, October 3d, 1875, the following named persons were ordained Deacons by the undersigned, viz.:

John R. Cathin, Aaron W. Merville, Calvin D. Rowley, and John W. Sanborn. And at the same place and time the following named persons were ordained Elders by the undersigned assisted by Elders, viz.:

John Agar, Julius F. Brown, Thomas E. Clayton, Almeron F. Colburn, Noyes B. Congdon, Horatio C. Corey, Joseph Criswell, George H. Dryer, John Irons, John L. King, Ebenezer H. Latimer, John L. Rusbridge, Francis D. Sargent, and George H. Van Vradenburgh.

EDW. G. ANDREWS.

BUFFALO, N. Y., October 4th, 1875.

MONDAY MORNING, October 4.

Conference met at 8.45. Devotions led by Bro. Wm. Bradley.

The Board of Church Extension was elected.

The officers of Conference Missionary Society were elected.

A copy of the Missionary Sermon was requested for publication.

The Committee on Missions reported.

The Committee on Temperance reported. Report amended and adopted.

The officers of Conference Temperance Society were elected.

The Committee on Memoirs reported memoirs of Robert Parker, W. J. Richards, Veranus Brownell, C. D. Burlingham, Schuyler Seager, Israel Chamberlayne, and Glezen Fillmore, which were adopted.

Notices were published, and Conference adjourned with doxology and benediction.

MONDAY AFTERNOON, October 4.

Conference met at 2.30. Devotions led by Bro. J. Copeland.

Minutes read and approved.

Dr. J. B. Wentworth preached the Centennial Sermon from Romans, xiii. 1, and Psalms, xlv. 1-7.

Conference adjourned with doxology and benediction.

TUESDAY MORNING, October 5.

Conference met at 8.45. Devotions led by Bro. J. Landreth.

The Committee on Observance of the Christian Sabbath reported. The report was amended and adopted.

Bro. Freeman, S. S. editor, Norton, of Erie, and B. I. Ives, of Central New York Conferences, were presented.

The Committee on Sunday Schools reported and the report was adopted.

Officers of the Sunday School Society were elected.

The Secretary, by permission, took a collection for incidental expenses of the Conference.

It was

Resolved, 1. That the average per member to be raised from the respective charges during the ensuing year for the support of Conference claimants be thirty cents, the numbers reported in the minutes of this year being the basis of claims.

Resolved, 2. That as Pastors we pledge ourselves, individually, to pay over to the Conference Stewards, at the next session, the sums above indicated.

The vote on these resolutions was taken by ayes and noes, and the ayes were as follows, viz.:

Abbott, Agar, Atkins, C. S. Baker, Ballou, Barrett, Bell, Benham, Bills, Blakely, Bradley, J. N. Brown, Brownell, Brownlee, E. M. Buck, W. D. Buck, Butlin, Canfield, Cardus, Chamberlayne, Chambers, Chandler, Chase, Clark, Clayton, Cliff, Coe, Conable, D. D. Cook, E. J. Cook, Corson, Curtiss, Dillenbeck, Dryer, Eddy, Fillmore, Foote, Furman, Gates, Gifford, Green, Hagar, Hamblin, Hammond, Houghton, Hunt, Hurd, Irons, Jennings, Jervis, Kittinger, Latimer, R. N. Leake, T. J. Leake, McCartney, McClelland, McEuen, McGerald, Mandeville, Maryott, Millsbaugh, Morey, Moss, Munger, Nettleton, Newman, Newton, Osborne, Paddock, T. F. Parker, H. Peck, Perkins, Post, Potter, Plumley, Rice, Roberts, J. H. Rogers, Rowley, Sanborn, Simkins, S. C. Smith, Sparrow, Staples, C. G. Stevens, L. A. Stevens, Stover, G. Stratton, R. M. Stratton, Strobbridge, Sutherland, Swift, Tate, Terry, Tiffany, Timmerman, Tuttle, Van Benschoten, Van Vradenburgh, Vosburg, Waite, Wardell, Weber, Wentworth, A. D. Wilbor, C. C. Wilbor, Williams, Woods, J. B. Wright.

The Committee on Historical Society reported, and the report was adopted. Officers were elected.

The managers of Conference Education Society were authorized to appropriate the funds in hand.

Notices were given, and Conference adjourned to meet at 2.30 P. M., with doxology, and benediction by A. N. Fillmore.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, *October 5.*

Conference met at 2.30. Devotions were led by Bro. J. D. Requa.

The Minutes were read and approved.

The Committee on Freedmen reported, and the report was adopted.

The Committee on Bible and Tract Cause reported, and the report was adopted.

It was

Resolved, That our Delegates to the General Conference are hereby instructed to secure, if possible, a change of our Conference name from Western New York to Genesee Conference.

Adopted on a count vote with three noes.

It was

Resolved, That if the East Genesee Conference be not restored, we instruct our delegates to secure, if possible, a more equitable division of the territory of East Genesee.

Unanimously adopted.

After singing and prayer, Miss Frances E. Willard addressed the Conference and audience on the Ladies' and Pastors' Christian Union.

Officers of the Conference Auxiliary were elected.

The thanks of the Conference were returned to Miss Willard, and a collection was taken for the Union.

Bro. Woodyard, pastor of Vine Street African Methodist Episcopal Church was presented, and addressed the Conference.

Notices were published, and Conference adjourned with doxology, and benediction by Bro. J. Parker.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, October 6.

Conference met at 8.45. Devotions led by Bro. D. Nutten.

The Minutes were read and approved.

Morgan H. Davis was permitted to withdraw from the Conference.

Stephen Brown was granted a location at his own request.

A copy of the Centennial Sermon was requested for publication.

The Committee on Education reported, and the report was adopted.

It was

Resolved, That hereafter the committees appointed by this Conference to visit our Educational Institutions be required to report to the Conference in writing.

The Trustees and Visitors of our Educational Institutions were elected.

It was

Resolved, That we hereby petition the Legislature of this State to so enact that the custody of Methodist Episcopal Churches, abandoned by societies connected with said Church, shall be placed in the hands of the Trustees of the Conference within whose bounds such property is located.

The Committee on Batavia Church reported, and the report was adopted.

The report of Committee on Church Extension was adopted.

The Stewards reported and made distribution of their funds.

The Committees of Examination for next session were appointed.

R. L. Waite, E. L. Newman, J. B. Wentworth, E. E. Chambers, D. Leisenring, W. R. Benham, and Wm. Bradley, were elected Triers of Appeals.

The Committee on Episcopal Fund reported, and the report was accepted.

The Treasurer of Conference Missionary Society reported, and the report was accepted.

The 23d Question was taken up and referred to the Presiding Elders with power.

The Trustees of Conference Camp Ground reported, and nominated associate members of Camp Meeting Committee. Nominations confirmed.

It was ordered that there be a Conference Camp Meeting during the year ; date to be fixed by the Committee.

The Treasurer of the Conference Church Extension Board reported, and the report was accepted.

The 1st Question taken up.

The Bishop was requested to transfer Prof. J. J. Brown, of Syracuse University, to this Conference.

The Presiding Elders were requested to present nominations for the customary Standing Committees at the next session.

The thanks of Conference were returned by rising votes to the pastor and trustees of Asbury, and to other Methodist Churches in Buffalo for hospitalities; also to Bishop ANDREWS, with an invitation to visit us again; also to the Erie Railway for reduction of fare.

Religious services were conducted by the Bishop, and with brief introductory remarks the appointments were announced, and Conference adjourned with doxology and benediction.

QUESTIONS OF THE GENERAL MINUTES.

QUESTION 1.—*Have any entered this Conference by transfer or re-admission?* Yes; Ira G. Bidwell, from New England Conference; J. J. Brown, from Central New York Conference; E. E. Chambers, from Newark Conference; F. D. Goodrich, from Providence Conference; Thomas J. Leake, from Arkansas Conference; R. M. Stratton, from New York Conference.

QUESTION 2.—*Who are admitted on trial?* William Burchard, George M. Harris, G. H. Hopkins, R. F. Kay, Ward D. Platt, Henry B. Troxel.

QUESTION 3.—*Who remain on trial?* C. W. Babcock, Albert M. Bancroft, George H. Cheney, Lebbeus R. Crippen, Joseph L. Forster, Elisha D. Graham, Asa Johnson, S. A. Morse, Charles S. Newcomb, Charles Patterson, Wilbor O. Peet, E. Burnett Pierce, Philip P. Reese, George R. Richardson, James E. Wallace, John C. Whiteside, Edwin J. Whitney.

QUESTION 4.—*Who are admitted into full connection?* Dennis C. Blakeley, D. W. Gates, J. T. Humphreys, John Irons, A. H. Maryott, T. H. Perkins, Calvin D. Rowley, J. W. Sanborn, J. G. Tate, A. T. West, Berton A. Partridge, admitted from the Methodist Church.

QUESTION 5.—*Who are Deacons of the first class?* Calvin D. Rowley, J. W. Sanborn.

QUESTION 6.—*Who are Deacons of the second class?* J. W. Burchard, W. B. Cliff, C. W. Corson, C. T. Gifford, Milton Hamblin, R. Canfield.

QUESTION 7.—*Who have been elected and ordained Elders this year?* John Agar, J. F. Brown, A. F. Colburn, T. E. Clayton, H. C. Corey, J. Criswell, N. B. Congdon, George H. Dryer, J. Irons, J. L. King, E. H. Latimer, J. L. Rusbridge, F. D. Sargent, G. H. Van Vradenburgh.

The ordination of Harris Peck was officially recognized.

QUESTION 8.—*Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?* J. D. Adams, J. Ashworth, A. S. Baker, W. A. Barber, J. W. Burchard, J. Benson, W. V. R. Blighton, R. C. Foote, S. Y. Hammond, I. H. Kellogg, R. D. Miller, L. Packard, W. Post, A. P. Ripley, William Scism, W. Wohlgemuth, T. J. O. Wooden.

QUESTION 9.—*Who are the Superannuated Preachers?* William Armstrong, J. T. Arnold, G. Benedict, John Copeland, S. B. Dickinson, G. J. Du Bois, C. Gould, Amos Hard, John Knapp, J. P. Kent, J. Hemingway, R. T. Hancock, D. Hutchins, G. Laning, J. B. Lanckton, J. Latham, J. F. Mason, H. May, D. Nichols, Asa Orcutt, D. F. Parsons, J. Parker, S. D. Pickett, W. E. Pindar, J. Raines, H. M. Ripley, R. R. Rork, W. A. Runner, A. W. Staples, J. K. Tinkham, J. W. Vaughn, George Wilkinson, Richard Wright.

QUESTION 10.—*Was the character of each Preacher examined?* It was.

QUESTION 11.—*Have any located?* Yes; Stephen Brown, Edwin Wildman.

QUESTION 12.—*Have any withdrawn?* Yes; Morgan H. Davis, J. J. Landers.

QUESTION 13.—*Have any been transferred, and to what Conference?* Yes; D. H. Muller, to the Kentucky Conference.

QUESTION 14.—*Have any been expelled?* None.

QUESTION 15.—*Have any died?* Yes; C. D. Burlingham, Schuyler Seager, Robert Parker, Veranus Brownell, Glezen Fillmore, Israel Chamberlayne, W. I. Richards.

QUESTION 16.—*What is the Statistical Report?* See tables.

QUESTION 17.—*What are the claims on the Conference funds?* \$10,435.

QUESTION 18.—*What has been received on the foregoing claims, and how has it been applied?*

RECEIPTS.

From the Chartered Fund.....	\$ 30.00
“ Widows' and Orphans' Fund.....	300.00
“ Genesee Conference Fund.....	148.99
“ East Genesee Conference Fund.....	99.60
“ Collections.....	5,225.79
Total.....	\$5,804.38

DISBURSEMENTS.

(The Widows' and Orphans' Fund of \$300, as above reported, is divided among the Widows connected with the Western New York Conference, in proportion to their respective claims, and is included in the several dividends awarded them.)

A. W. Staples.....	\$277.50	Widow Derr.....	230.07
J. P. Kent.....	249.75	“ Rice.....	166.50
D. Nichols.....	194.25	“ Havens.....	138.75
W. E. Pindar.....	194.25	“ Scott.....	138.75
G. Wilkinson.....	194.25	“ Potter.....	138.75
J. Latham.....	194.25	“ Brownell.....	138.75
D. F. Parsons.....	166.50	“ Kennard.....	111.00
H. May.....	166.50	“ Willson.....	111.00
S. B. Pickett.....	166.50	“ Woodworth.....	111.00
C. Gould.....	138.75	“ Fillmore.....	83.25
G. Benedict.....	138.75	“ Burlingham.....	83.25
J. W. Vaughn.....	138.75	“ Baker.....	83.25
I. Chamberlayne.....	111.00	“ Alverson.....	69.35
J. Copeland.....	111.00	“ Seager.....	69.35
D. Hutchins.....	111.00	“ Jeffers.....	55.50
J. Knapp.....	83.25	“ Church.....	55.50
J. Raines.....	83.25	“ Parker.....	55.50
H. M. Ripley.....	83.25	“ N. Hoag.....	55.50
J. Hemmingway.....	55.50	“ Pearsall.....	55.50
J. B. Lanckton.....	55.50	“ R. Parker.....	55.50
G. Laning.....	55.50	“ W. Hoag.....	44.40
W. A. Runner.....	55.50	“ Judd.....	41.62
R. T. Hancock.....	55.50	Miss J. G. Shaw.....	44.80
Asa Orcutt.....	44.40	Stationary.....	.62
Widow E. O. Hall.....	277.50		
“ B. McNeal.....	249.75		
			\$5,804.38

QUESTION 19.—*Have any Local Preachers been ordained?* Yes; John B. Cathin, and Aaron W. Merville, Deacons.

QUESTION 20.—*Are any of our Literary or Theological Institutions under the control and patronage of this Conference, and what is their condition?* See report of Committee on Education.

QUESTION 21.—*Who are the Conference Board of Church Extension?* President, J. Dennis; Vice-President, John Stewart, Esq.; Recording Secretary, A. D. Wilbor; Treasurer, E. Occumpaugh, Esq.; Corresponding Secretary, J. E. Bills; Managers, D. G. Shuart, Esq., K. D. Nettleton, Ezra Jones, Esq., C. Eddy, H. B. Everest, Esq.

QUESTION 22.—*Where are the Preachers stationed?* See appointments.

QUESTION 23.—*When and where shall the next Conference be held?* When the Bishops appoint, and where the Presiding Elders can find a place.

CONFERENCE SESSION COMMITTEES, 1875.

STEWARDS.—C. S. Baker, S. Y. Hammond, D. Clark, E. T. Green, J. H. Rogers, H. Butlin.

CLAIMS.—J. N. Brown, C. W. Corson, H. Van Benschoten, A. N. Fillmore, J. E. Bills, O. M. Leggett, G. W. Kittinger.

EDUCATION.—R. M. Stratton, G. H. Bridgeman, C. E. Millsbaugh, J. B. Wentworth, J. Landreth, J. D. Adams, W. S. Tuttle.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.—R. D. Munger, S. McGerald, Z. Hurd, J. Landreth, L. S. Atkins, D. Nuten.

FREEDMEN.—J. B. Countryman, H. Peck, E. M. Buck, C. S. Daily, C. G. Stevens, J. McClelland, J. A. Copeland.

MISSIONS.—The Presiding Elders—R. L. WAITE, S. HUNT, K. D. NETTLETON, A. SUTHERLAND, A. F. MOREY, E. L. NEWMAN, L. D. WATSON.

TEMPERANCE.—E. Smith, P. R. Stover, T. F. Parker, J. Dennis, W. Bradley, W. D. Buck, C. G. Curtiss.

CHURCH EXTENSION.—R. C. Houghton, R. C. Brownlee, C. Eddy, J. C. Hitchcock, J. H. Du Bois, F. W. Conable, E. B. Williams.

BIBLE AND TRACTS.—A. Staples, John Parker, L. D. Chase, R. E. Thomas, H. F. Osborne, M. D. Jackson, J. Timmerman.

EPISCOPAL FUND.—D. D. Cook, C. Dillenbeck, L. A. Stevens, A. Plumley, L. T. Foote, A. S. Baker, G. W. Coe.

POST OFFICES.—E. S. Furman, F. D. Sargent, G. H. Dryer, H. C. Woods, E. H. Latimer, J. Wayne, N. B. Congdon.

PUBLIC WORSHIP DURING THE SESSION.—R. L. Waite and the Pastors of M. E. Churches in Buffalo.

PUBLISHING THE MINUTES.—The Secretaries.

OBSERVANCE OF THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH.—W. R. Benham, T. Cardus, W. Wardell, O. S. Chamberlayne, J. B. Wright, R. K. Pierce, J. Hill.

MEMOIRS.—Of C. D. Burlingham—O. M. Leggett, E. A. Rice.

Of S. Seager—J. N. Brown, S. Hunt.

Of G. Fillmore—R. L. Waite, S. Hunt.

Of I. Chamberlayne—A. D. Wilbor, J. B. Wentworth.

Of R. Parker—T. J. O. Wooden, A. Sutherland.

Of V. Brownell—J. D. Requa, J. Copeland.

Of W. I. Richards—G. Stratton, K. D. Nettleton.

ON STATE OF THE CHURCH.—A. P. Ripley, W. S. Tuttle, G. W. Paddock, W. R. Benham, J. B. Wentworth, E. T. Green, D. Leisenring.

ON CONFERENCE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.—O. M. Leggett, H. O. Abbott, F. W. Conable, A. D. Wilbor, L. T. Foote, L. F. Congdon, P. R. Stover.

ON BATAVIA CHURCH.—G. E. Strowbridge, R. C. Brownlee, R. D. Munger, G. W. Paddock, K. P. Jervis, J. B. Wentworth, L. A. Stevens.

COLLECTORS OF PUBLICATION FUND.—J. B. Wright, S. S. Ballou, E. H. Latimer, G. W. Coe, C. E. Millsbaugh, J. F. Brown, J. Criswell.

STATIONS OF PREACHERS, 1875-6.

BUFFALO DISTRICT.—S. HUNT, P. E.

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Buffalo :

Grace Church, R. C. Houghton.

Asbury Church, Geo. E. Strobridge.

Delaware Avenue, I. G. Bidwell.

Plymouth Church, C. C. Wilbor.

St. Mark's Church, G. W. Kittinger.

Riverside, J. N. Simkins.

Eagle Street, L. T. Foote.

Woodside, James Moss.

Aurora, C. S. Baker.

Wales, J. Hagar.

Holland, P. P. Reese.

Springville, G. H. Dryer.

East Ashford, Wm. Jennings.

Collins and Concord, R. Canfield.

Boston and West Falls, J. G. Tate.

Gowanda and Indian Mission, E. A. Rice.

East Hamburg, to be supplied.

Hamburg, J. B. Wright.

Eden and North Evans, W. D. Platt.

Evans and Brant, A. Plumley.

Lancaster, to be supplied.

Elma, George M. Harris.

Marilla and Colesville, C. G. Stevens.

Williamsville and Bowmansville, D.

C. Blakely.

Clarence, A. N. Fillmore.

Akron, P. R. Stover.

Tonawanda, H. Vosburg.

La Salle, J. McEuen.

Niagara Falls, A. F. Colburn.

W. H. De Puy, Assistant Editor *Christian Advocate*, member of Grace Church Quarterly Conference.

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 Wilson, J. T. Humphreys.
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 Hartland, W. L. Warner.
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 Carlton, T. F. Parker.
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 Corn Hill, A. D. Wilbor.
 Asbury, C. Eddy.
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 Alexander Street, T. J. Leake.
 Frank Street, T. E. Bell.
 Evergreen Street Mission, to be supplied.
 Penfield, J. L. Forster.
 Macedon and Perinton, E. H. Latimer.
 Walworth, C. W. Corson.
 Lincoln, O. N. Roberts.
 Lakeside and Ontario, A. Staples.
 Webster, H. C. Corey.
 West Webster, P. McKinstry.
 Pittsford, supplied by D. Hutchins.
 Victor, W. R. Benham.
 Henrietta, supplied by H. J. Owen.
 Rush, G. W. Terry.
 Scottsville, J. W. Sanborn.

Bergen, H. C. Woods.
 Churchville, W. Potter.
 Chili, M. Hamblin.
 Spencerport and Gates, G. Stratton.
 Parma, E. J. Whitney.
 Greece, supplied by A. Robinson.
 Charlotte, S. A. Morse.
 Clarkson, D. Clark.
 Brockport, J. Dennis.
 Sweden, J. Timmerman.
 Hamlin, supplied by J. Johns.
 J. E. Latimer, Prof. in Boston University, and member of First Church Quarterly Conference.
 J. J. Brown, Prof. Syracuse University, and Member of First Church Quarterly Conference.
 S. A. Lattimore, Prof. in Rochester University, and member of First Church Quarterly Conference.

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 Byron, W. D. Buck.
 Oakfield, E. M. Buck.
 Wyoming, L. S. Atkins.
 Warsaw, J. A. Copeland, F. W. Conable.
 Belfast and Caneadea, J. F. Brown.
 Wiscoy and Hume, W. Wardell.
 Portageville, supplied by E. Bachelder.
 Centerville and Eagle, G. H. Van Vradenburgh.

Pike and East Pike, E. S. Furman.
 Castile, O. S. Chamberlayne.
 Gainsville, Z. Hurd.
 Short Tract, R. F. Kay.
 Angelica, J. L. Rusbridge.
 North Java, J. C. Stevens.
 Perry, J. H. Rogers.
 Pavilion, Covington and Wesley, C. Dillenbeck.
 Alexander, R. L. Waite.
 Attica, T. H. Perkins.
 Darien, W. B. Cliff.
 Sardinia and Arcade, W. Weber.
 Fowlerville Circuit, C. E. Hermans.

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 Bristol Centre, T. W. Chandler.
 Richmond, A. T. West.
 Avon, J. D. Requa.
 Geneseo, J. T. Brownell.
 Mt. Morris, T. Cardus.
 Dansville, G. W. Coe.
 Sparta, W. W. Mandeville.
 Rogersville, supplied by A. Sornborger.
 Fremont, Wm. Burchard.
 Livonia, L. D. Chase.
 Hemlock Lake, A. M. Bancroft.
 Springwater and Canadice, S. M. Dayton.
 North Cohocton, J. L. King.
 Naples, J. C. Hitchcock.
 Scottsburg and East Sparta, J. Wayne.

Groveland, J. B. Countryman.
 Nunda, W. Bradley.
 Nunda Station and Grove, G. R. Richardson.
 Canaseraga, J. E. Tiffany.
 Birdsall, B. A. Partridge.
 West Almond, supplied by F. C. Lord.
 Andover, D. Nutton, C. W. Babcock.
 George H. Bridgeman, Principal Genesee Wesleyan Seminary, and member of Lima Quarterly Conference.
 J. O. Wilsea, Local Agent Genesee Wesleyan Seminary, and member of Lima Quarterly Conference.
 F. D. Blakeslee, Principal East Greenwich Academy, and member of Genesee Quarterly Conference.
 Wm. H. Rogers, Principal Nunda Academy, and member of Nunda Quarterly Conference.

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PRESIDING ELDERS' REPORTS.

BUFFALO DISTRICT.

In making my fourth and last annual report for the Buffalo District, I wish first of all to acknowledge my obligations to Almighty God for continued health, and secondly my obligations to my brethren for their forbearance, and for their kind and faithful co-operation in all the labors of the year. We have labored together harmoniously and with a fair measure of success.

Revivals have been pretty general, and a goodly number have been gathered into the Church. We have endeavored to find out destitute places, and to supply them with the Gospel.

The children have not been neglected. They have been gathered into our Sabbath Schools, and many of them converted and brought into the Church.

The Disciplinary plan for raising missionary money, has been generally carried out, although in some places it has been found impracticable to organize the Sabbath Schools into Missionary Societies.

Our various benevolent collections have been attended to, and I have urged the preachers to see to each and all of them.

Our District Conferences have been well attended by the preachers, but poorly attended by laymen.

Our Sabbath School Institute, held a few weeks since, was a decided success, and was declared by the brethren to be one of the very best ever held on the District.

In the matter of church building, more has been done during the last four years, than ever before in the same length of time. Five or six churches have been built and dedicated, and two more, viz., Plymouth and Delaware Avenue, are in process of erection, the whole at an expense of more than \$200,000. The Delaware Avenue Church will be completed next year, and will cost \$150,000, the whole of which is already secured in good and reliable subscriptions. \$53,000 of this amount was raised on a single Sabbath a few weeks since. It is seldom that such generous Christian liberality has been witnessed in any place.

Our Attica troubles are ended, and a settlement effected by which our church edifice is restored to its rightful owners, and \$1,800 paid to the trustees as rent and damages. The house has also been repaired at an expense of about \$1,000.

On the whole, whoever succeeds me on the Buffalo District, will find a pleasant field of labor, and will be surrounded by competent and faithful brethren to help on the good work.

R. L. WAITE.

NIAGARA DISTRICT.

The year now closing has been one of mingled sorrow and rejoicing. Twice the brethren have been summoned together to bury their fellow-workmen.

Drs. Chamberlayne and Seager, had long been known on the Niagara District, and were honored and beloved most by those who knew them best. None of us have dared to catch and wear their falling mantles, for they were made for no ordinary men.

The year has been marked by severe labor on the part of the pastors. Revivals have added materially to the Niagara Street Church, Lockport, Pendleton, Porter Center, Dickersonville, Newfane, and Carlton. Church edifices at Waterport, on the Carlton charge, and East Porter, have been remodeled and greatly improved. The one at Porter Centre is now undergoing repairs. A new Society has been incorporated at La Salle, and a new parsonage commenced at Pendleton.

On the morning of December 3d, the church in Medina was destroyed by fire. A new lot has been purchased, and a fine brick structure is already enclosed which will cost about \$25,000.

The Niagara District, after two very successful conventions of pioneer Methodists, organized a Historical Society, auxiliary to a Conference Society, which we trust will be formed at this session.

Notwithstanding severe financial embarrassments, the preachers have been comfortably maintained.

Our benevolent collections will furnish a creditable record. I am happy to say that the preachers of the Niagara District, without exception, are highly

esteemed by the people they have faithfully served, and the records of the year, as a whole, will compare favorably with those of former years.

We close the year with gratitude and hope.

S. HUNT.

ROCHESTER DISTRICT.

During the past year, which is the third year of my official connection with the Rochester District, I have endeavored faithfully to discharge the duties of my office, and have enjoyed the hearty support and co-operation of both the preachers and people of the District.

Our District Conferences have been occasions of interest and profit to those attending them.

A Sunday School Institute was held early in the spring with good results, and our Sunday Schools are in a prosperous condition.

The benevolent enterprises of the Church have all been cared for, and the Disciplinary plan for Missions has been carried out on the District.

A new church edifice was dedicated at Lincoln in the early part of the year, since which time the Society there has enjoyed a good degree of financial and spiritual prosperity.

The North Street Church, in Rochester, is being remodeled and greatly improved; and a good work has been done by way of repairing and improving the church at Gates. A good parsonage has been built at Greece, and also a very fine one at Victor.

Revival influences have prevailed to some extent, and a good many souls have been gathered into the Kingdom of Christ.

Rev. D. H. Muller, who, at the last Conference session, was appointed for the third time to the First Church in Rochester, and who was known by most of us as a remarkably efficient and successful pastor, was transferred to the Kentucky Conference in March last; and while we cannot but regret the absence from us of so able a minister and efficient a pastor as was Brother Muller, I am happy to be able to assure the Conference that a worthy and competent successor to our beloved brother has been secured in the transfer to us of R. M. Stratton, D. D., who is now with us.

One has gone whose place shall never be filled. Our beloved brother, Rev. William I. Richards, died at his home in Clarkson, on the twenty-second day of May last. He was an earnest, faithful laborer in the Master's vineyard; and he died as he had lived—trusting alone in the blood of Jesus. May we live and die as well and safely as did he.

K. D. NETTLETON.

LIMA DISTRICT.

The year past has been one of earnest and harmonious work on the Lima District, and some measure of prosperity. A new brick church was dedicated to the worship of God, on the eighteenth of July, at Andover. It is a beautiful edifice, and worthy of study, as a model of economy and convenience, for the uses of a Methodist Church. It was built after the architectural design furnished us by Rev. C. C. Wilbor, and at a cost of \$15,000.

One of our churches on the Angelica charge, a few miles out of the village, has been thoroughly renovated and improved, at a cost of \$600. L. S. Crittenden, pastor.

Improvements have been made on our churches at North Cohocton, Canaseraga, West Almond and Bristol Centre. At Nunda Station we have built a new church and parsonage, each worth \$2,000, for which we are indebted largely to the energetic efforts of the pastor, Rev. J. L. King. Rev. J. Wayne has built us a parsonage at Scottsburg, worth \$2,000, the people consenting, and some aiding the enterprise.

Early in the year a revival interest was awakened on the Richmond charge, and a gracious work wrought, under the labors of Rev. S. D. Pickett, in the midst of which he was prostrated with a nervous affection, from which he has not yet recovered.

Rev. Brothers Requa and Richardson, have been greatly blest in their work on the Canaseraga Circuit. Serial meetings were held at different points on the charge, during the winter, in which one hundred and sixty persons professed conversion, of whom one hundred and forty have been received into our Church on probation, and the membership has been nearly doubled.

In the midst of our church building enterprise at Andover, the Lord revived his work, and a goodly number have been added to the Church in that place. Rev. D. Nutten, pastor.

The cry of hard times often means that we pass on with our subscription papers, but Lima District insists that the times are really hard, and some of the charges have done less for benevolent causes than last year, but others have done more, and we look for an increase in the summing up of our contributions.

A. SUTHERLAND.

BATH DISTRICT.

Methodism in "old Steuben" is growing in her position, strength and influence. In three months from this time we shall have built and re-built within the past ten years twice as many churches as all the rest of the Protestant denominations.

Within the past four years the value of our churches have very nearly doubled. Notwithstanding the hard times our people have been earnestly engaged in church building. October 1st we dedicated our new church in Fremont; it was a great day, a great struggle, but a glorious victory.

October 15th, on the Tuscarora charge, we dedicated our new church, amidst praise and great rejoicings. January 24th we re-dedicated the second church on Bath 2d charge. February 10th we dedicated our church in Hammondsport, the result of a bold and successful effort on the part of our people and the pastor, D. W. Gates.

March 6th, we dedicated our beautiful gothic church in Kanona. It was a day never to be forgotten. J. H. Du Bois, pastor. The 27th day of May we re-dedicated our church in Woodhull, with tower and spire on the corner; it is now a house of comfort and convenience. R. E. Thomas, pastor.

In the month of June (the 12th) our church in Risingville, on the Merchantville charge, was rededicated; the day's exercise was a credit to the Church and community.

September 15th, on the same charge, the church in Merchantville that had been moved into the center of the village and rebuilt, with tower and spire, was dedicated. The day illustrated what a few could do for the Church and the cause of Christ. H. C. Corey, pastor.

In the village of Wayland, September 22d, we dedicated our church. In many respects this is a model church. Gothic in style, with slated roof and spire, with prayer-room in front, folding doors between it and the audience-room, and windows of stained glass. This is the fruit of a glorious revival. John R. Cathin, pastor.

The last Sabbath of the Conference year the first church on Bath 2d charge was rededicated. Wm. Bartel, pastor. The indebtedness incurred in building and rebuilding, that was unprovided for, was raised at each dedication service.

In a few days the church in the growing village of Canisteo will be rededicated. The enlargement is 50 by 26 feet, in a transept form, with large Sabbath School rooms and church parlors in the basement. C. E. Millspaugh, pastor.

On the 21st of July we laid the corner-stone of our new church in Savona. The building is Gothic, with tower and spire on the corner, prayer-room in front, the windows of stained and frosted glass. The efficient building committee will have it ready for dedication by the 26th of October. J. B. Peck, pastor.

The trustees and building committee in Bath completed last week a new church spire, nicely bricked and slated, the highest in the county, and one of the most graceful in the Conference. E. T. Green, pastor.

Our church in Greenwood is nearly ready for plastering. It is an ornament to the valley and village in which it stands. T. C. Gifford, pastor.

May 26th the corner-stone to our brick church in Addison was laid. The walls are up, and the roof and spire are slated. The church is Gothic in form, with up-ground basement, entered from the side. It will be, when completed, the best Methodist church in Steuben county. D. D. Cook, pastor.

In Erwin Centre we have purchased a central church lot, large enough for church and parsonage. June 10th we laid the corner-stone for a new church. The building is up and enclosed. The church is mainly Gothic, with tower on the corner. This is the fruit of a precious revival. George Sherer, pastor.

The church in Campbelltown has been repainted, and old church debts canceled; R. R. Rork, pastor. The church in Jasper has paid off an old debt and made some church improvements. C. G. Curtis, pastor.

The church building in Addison, also in Greenwood, Woodhull, Erwin Centre and Kanona, were drawn up by our architect, Rev. C. C. Wilbor, of Buffalo. Building committees and trustees will serve the interests of their churches to call on him, as he is every way competent.

There has been quite an advance the past year on the salaries; within the past three years they have advanced (including the new charges made), over

\$4,000. The benevolent collections from the reports made at the District Conference, have made a small advance. The Sunday Schools are growing in interest and are becoming more thoroughly established in their work.

The year has been one of gracious revivals; many of these revivals have been followed up by church building and church improvements.

The District Camp Meeting was like olden times, in the Spirit's influence and the zeal which the churches manifested in leading sinners to the cross.

A. F. MOREY.

GENESEE DISTRICT.

As we make this, our annual report for the Genesee District, we would first of all record with profound gratitude, the protection with which God has so wonderfully favored us during the years of our connection with this particular church work. Though having traveled more than fifteen thousand miles on church errands, not a single accident has occurred in our travels to mar our pleasure: and though subjected to the discomforts and exposures incident to absence from home, more than two-thirds of the time, yet we have not been kept from *even one* appointment, either by inclement weather, bad roads, or by accident or sickness of any kind.

There has also been a remarkable exemption on the part of our ministers and members and their families from the ravages of disease and death.

While we are compelled to regret that we have not seen more of a spirit of self-abnegation on the part of the Church in promoting the cause of Christ, and larger numbers added to it, as well as a higher religious experience secured by its members; yet we cannot reproach ourselves with a want of toil, fidelity, or even success, as we believe we can see a steady advance all along the line of church improvement and church life.

The cause of the Master, which lies so near our hearts, is by our ministry and membership generally, made their personal if not always their chief work.

There are forty-four churches within our bounds where the Gospel is preached by Episcopal Methodist pastors faithfully and conscientiously; and these houses are so well located and in such condition that few new ones will be needed for many years to come. But our charges are not as well supplied with parsonages as they should be—there being within our bounds at present but eighteen. In this particular, however, we are advancing, as improvements are constantly being made upon the older ones, and one new one has just been completed, under the faithful labors of the Rev. C. E. Hermans, pastor of the Fowlerville charge, by his people. The parsonage at Alexander has been rebuilt at an expense of some \$700. T. W. Chandler, pastor.

As some of our charges are impoverished in some measure by deaths and removals especially, we think that "scriptural holiness" might be promoted much more effectually and with less of sacrifice, if preachers and people would consent to it, by the formation of at least a small number of circuits.

The Disciplinary plan concerning the raising of Missionary money has been generally carried out, and the various benevolent enterprises of the Church

have been faithfully presented to the people, both by myself and the pastors generally. Because of the financial crisis that so severely effects the nation, the statistics may not show any advance as a whole, if indeed, in some cases, they do not exhibit retrograde action; but under the circumstances we can but hope they will not be discreditable to us as a people. If our worst fears must in any case be realized, we believe deficiencies in salaries will show that our preachers at least suffer with these causes and societies. The salaries of our pastors have been a matter of great concern with us, and we have both in private and public endeavored by the best suggestions, by wise encouragements and by occasional reproof, to make this more than ever felt to be a sacred, binding duty our people owe to the cause of God, as well as these men, to pay them annually their *full claim*. We believe the time will come, when this debt, laid on Christian hearts and consciences, will be as safe and better than though guarded by the mandates of law.

Among the instrumentalities for good which have been in successful operation within our territory the past year, we would especially name our District Conference, Sabbath School Institute, Preachers' Association, and the Conference Camp Meeting. Each of these has performed its legitimate work and done it well.

Although the last winter was quite unfavorable to revival work, yet in several instances there were remarkable exhibitions of the power of grace, especially upon the Short Tract and Fowlerville charges; in each of which nearly or more than one hundred precious souls professed to find the pearl of great price.

It has been a year of general peace among us, and preachers and people seem to be engaged in cultivating the spirit of the Saviour's New Commandment. For the esteem in which our poor efforts are held, as well as the many acts of forbearance for mistakes we may have made, and for the love exhibited by our lay and ministerial brethren on the District in our intercourse with them, we shall always retain a precious remembrance, which will demand our prayer for their happiness here and forever.

E. LANSING NEWMAN.

OLEAN DISTRICT.

The Olean District lies in four counties and two States, Allegany and Cattaraugus in New York, and Potter and McKean in Pennsylvania. In extent it is 100 by 65 miles. It is intersected by four railroads and three more are being constructed. These facilitate travel, and are rapidly developing its resources.

"The care of all the churches" has imposed much hard work. We held two interesting District Conferences, and two profitable Ministerial Associations. The following Church improvements have been made: A new and beautiful church was dedicated early in the year at Sugartown, on the Ellicottville charge. The existence of this church is largely due to the beneficence of Mrs. Dr. Reid, who has also deeded her own residence and 19 acres of land to this church, to come into our possession on or before her death.

On this same charge at Ellicottville the church has been remodeled and rendered very beautiful, with a new bell and organ. These two churches are indications of the energy of the young pastor, Rev. G. H. Cheney.

Through the labors of Rev. T. E. Clayton, the church at Cadiz, on the Franklinville charge, has been entirely remodeled and nicely furnished. The church at Yorkshire has been greatly improved and beautified; also the church at Bolivar has been repaired, with a new bell.

Considerable has been done to improve the parsonage property. We are building a comfortable parsonage at Ulysses, Chas Slack, pastor. A fine house is being built at East Otto, E. Smith, pastor.

Parsonages have been remodeled or repaired on the following charges:

Rushford, Olean, Friendship, Whitesville, Smethport, Franklinville, and Wellsville.

We should not omit to mention that the old debt on the District parsonage, which has been a great embarrassment for many years, has been paid, and the mortgage canceled. This leaves the District with a very comfortable residence, finely located on Main street, in the village of Olean, the center of the District.

The benevolent collections have been attended to, but they have felt somewhat the pressure of the times, especially in the lumbering sections. Spiritually, most of the churches are in a healthy condition. We have been blessed with several revivals, in which some souls were converted. We prayed for thousands and were answered by hundreds, the measure of our faith.

The preachers have labored hard and successfully. Their lives have all been spared with the exception of the sainted Burlingham who was appointed by Bishop PECK to Portville, on Tuesday, Sept. 29th, and on Wednesday the Master gave him a transfer and an appointment with the angels.

We would express our gratitude to the people for their deep sympathy, and to the preachers for their hearty co-operation, and to God for his abundant mercies.

L. D. WATSON.

STATISTICS FOR BUFFALO DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	NUMBERS.		BAPTISM.		CHURCH PROPERTY.			BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.							SUNDAY SCHOOLS.							MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.										
	Probationers.	Members.	Local Preachers.	Deaths.	Children.	Adults.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	FOR MISSIONS.		For Ch. Extension.	For Tract Society.	For S. School Union.	For Freedmen's Aid Society.	For Education.	Amount raised for Bishops.	Building and Im- provement Fund.	Schools.	Officers and Tchrs.	Scholars.	Conversions.	Volumes in Library.	Total Expense of Schools this Year.	Salaries exclusive of House Rent.	Deficiencies.	Rental Value of Par- sonages.	P. E. Claims.	Deficiencies.	Donations.	
BUFFALO:																																
Grace Church.....	30	452	2	5	12	14	1	\$39000	1	\$6500	140	139.00	\$10	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$12	\$ 7	\$11	800	1	42	460	14	800	\$240	\$3000		650	\$130	30		
Asbury Church....	41	300	1	2	12	18	1	8000			76	109.26	85	25	32	61	15	10	54000	1	50	426	30	267	275	2300		800	105			
Delaware Avenue..	39	263	3	5	10	16	1	10000			72	85.00	157.00	50.00	4	4	4	5000		43	325	10	267	275	2300		600	105				
Plymouth Church..	6	136	4	1	7	7	1	28000			38	25.00	50.00	16.00	1	1	2		2	4000	2	38	275	14	35	208	1300		50	50		
St. Marks's.....	18	116		2	36	9	1	7000	1		27	25.00	16.00	11	1	3	7	2	100	2	40	280	20		202	1000		300	60	10		
Eagle Street.....	25	92	1	1	15	5	1	6000			32	41.00	57.00	13	3	2	8	2	250	1	1	28	270	10		150	1000		24	24		
Stevenside.....	6	133	1	5	1	1	1	45000			39	18.00	57.00	13	3	1	1	4	200	1	1	28	270	10		150	1000		60	60		
Springville.....	9	122	1	3	3	7	1	10000	1	1400	36	38.00	7.00	18	5	3	8	1	5	400	2	9	110	1	50	40	700		150	30		
East Ashford.....	9	37	1	1	1	1	1	2500	1	700	40	85.10	7.00	16	2	1	10	2	400	1	7	110		1	24	800		200	70			
Akron.....	1	129	1	3	1	3	1	10000	1	2000	15	23.10	7.00	10	1	2	3	2	600	1	5	15	98	60	310	25	525		75	48		
Evans and Brant..	3	75	1	1	7	7	1	8000	1	1800	16	23.10	7.50	16	2	1	5		100	1	13	80		6	300		100	75	36		105	
Collins and Concord.	10	64	1	1	1	1	1	2500	1	1000	22	26.50	10.00	10	1	1	1	3	100	1	5	120		1	125	650		100	44			
Autumn.....	8	86	1	1	5	5	1	5000	1	1500	20	21.00	27.30	5	3	1	1	2	200	1	2	30	95	1	180	30	600		100	44		
Hamberg.....	9	84	1	2	2	12	1	6600	1	450	17	24.00		9	1	1	5		3	1	2	22	85		125	700		100	36			
Eden and North.	9	25			2	2	2	8000			7	8.11		9	3	1		1	1	1	6	40		8	155	15	150	254	32	14		
Holland.....	6	20			2	2	1	4000			6	10.00		6	1	1		2	20	2	16	100			150	500		100	40			
Wales.....	6	48			3	3	1	4000	1	1000	14	25.05		1	1	1		2	20	2	16	100			150	500		100	40			
Williamsville and Bormansville.....	1	59		1	3	1	2	6000	1	600	17	11.00	35.00	2	2	2	1	3	40	2	13	80		1	150	35	600		78	36		
Clarence.....	3	30		1	1	1	1	7000			9				1	1	1			2	10	40		1	150	500		100	28			
Boston and West Falls	2	48		1	3	2	3	5000		1200	14	4.00		15	2	3	3	8		2	12	60		2	150	500		150	36			
Marilla and Cowles	10	120	2	3	1	4	2	5000	1		34	45.00		15	2	2	4	1	1100	1	10	100			200	500		150	100	62		
North and Corvies	4	20			2	2	1	6000			4	16.00		7	2	2	4	1	1000	1	10	70			75	500		125	24			
Attica.....	2	29		1	9	1	1	3000		2000	6	5.05		1	3	2	1	2		1	9	50			15	550		100	28			
East Hamburg and Woodside.....	2	58		1	1	5	1	7000		2500	8	19.00	6.50	1	2	1	1	2	1200	1	4	35			75	700		150	40			
Tonawanda.....	19	145		4	1	5	2	7000		1	16	7.50		6	1	2	1	2		1	20	162			35	500		150	40			
Governor and Mid.	251	2768	20	43	148	100	36	\$14100	15	27250	758	952.57	\$42.45	\$252	\$46	\$73	\$143	\$43	\$87	65610	40	548	3921	117	3977	\$2208	\$2375	1082	3918	1300	57	435

STATISTICS FOR NIAGARA DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	NUMBERS.		BAP- TISM.		CHURCH PROPERTY.					BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.										SUNDAY SCHOOLS.						MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.						
	Probationers.	Members.	Local Preachers.	Deaths.	Children.	Adults.	Churches.		Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	For Conf. Claimants.	FOR MISSIONS.		For Ch. Extension.	For Tract Society.	For S. School Union.	For Freedmen's Aid Society.	For Education.	Amount raised for Bishops.	Building and Im- provement Fund.	Schools.	Officers and Tehrs.	Scholars.	Conversions.	Volumes in Library.	Total Expense of Schools this year.	Salaries exclusive of House Rent.	Deficiencies.	Rental Value of Par- sonages.	P. E. Claims.	Donations.
							Churches.	S. Schools.																								
Lockport:	19	282	1	6	2	21	1	1	\$8000	1	\$3000	\$87	\$4.00	\$51.00	\$41	\$1	\$1	\$5	\$10			1	30	200	60	500	\$225	\$1200	\$250	26		
Niagara Street.....		8	100	3	4		1	1	2000	1	2000	36	16.00		3			1	3			1	20	124	15	400	75	700		200	50	
Clinton Street.....	6	60	1		7		1	1	7000	1		18	50.00		19	2	2	4	3			1	10	60	15	500	100	500		200	44	
Pendleton.....	15	64		3	4		3	2	20000	1	2000	18	50.00		21	2	1	4	6		\$150	2	22	220	2	350	116	800		200	48	
Niagara Falls.....		15	140				8	2	15000	2	1500	40	26.69	58.31	9	2	1	4	6			2	22	220	2	100	12	900		100	72	
Pekin and Sandborn ..																																
Youngstown and Porter Centre.....	22	43		2			2		9500			12	15.00		5	2	1	3	1			2	22	90	20	200		540	40		45	
East Porter and Dicker- sonville.....	12	90	1	1		3			6900	1	800	26	40.00	21.00	6	1	2	2	1		900	1	8	75	8	325	10	600		80	56	\$75
Wilson.....	1	93	1	5					4500	1	1200	28	84.43		6	1	2	3	1			1	17	100	350	20	700		100	50	100	
Cambria.....	4	90	1	3		6	3		20000	1	1200	30	35.00	10.00	8	4	2	6	1		50	3	48	250	3	400	20	610		100	66	85
Newfane.....	10	100	2	3		2	2		8000	1	600	28	35.00		20	4	2	3	1			3	20	150	10	300	40					
Harland.....	3	76		3			2		7000	1	600	30			8		2	10	2			2	34	200		50	40		800	150	80	200
Somerseset.....	138	181	1	3	1	8	1		6000	1	3500	42	70.00	12.00	11	2	2	10	6		100	2	32	207	5	419	410	900		100	100	
Lyndonville.....	20	210	4	2	1	1	1		25000	1	1000	51	75.35	65.00	20	5	2	20	6		340	2	36	271	300	122	1000		300	92	65	
Medina.....	2	75	2	2		1	1		25000	1	3000	71	74.00	106.00	20	5	2	10	6		340	2	36	200	350	40	750		75	48	125	60
Knowlesville.....	4	140	1			1	2		10000	1	800	37	100.00	5.00	15	2	2	15	3		95	2	30	225	350	40	750		100	72	60	
Barre.....	3	50	1			1	2		3000	1	800	16	9.00		5	1	4	15	2		25	2	16	90	100	25	500		100	72	60	
Millville.....	3	176	1	1			2		3000	1	800	16	9.00		5	1	4	15	2		25	2	16	90	100	25	500		100	72	60	
Albion.....	32	128	1	9		18	2		5000	1	1500	56	38.47	16.53	14	3	3	1	7		300	2	36	210	7	300	250	900		225	88	180
Carleton.....	17	191	1	4			2		2500	1	5000	60	40.50	22.00	11	2	3	1	7		550	2	35	125	7	250	15	700		150	68	287
Huberton.....	6	116	2	1			3		6500	1	2000	39	86.00	4.00	15	7	8	10	10		500	2	36	186	5	130	50	300		75	25	
Holley and Clarendon ..	17	191	1	4			2		2500	1	5000	60	40.50	22.00	11	2	3	1	7		500	2	36	186	5	130	50	300		75	25	
Kendall.....	4	116	2	1			3		6500	1	2000	39	86.00	4.00	15	7	8	10	10		500	2	36	186	5	130	50	300		75	25	
Middleport.....	6	63		2			3		2500	1	2500	39	32.60	9.00	14	2	2	6	5			1	10	80	6	200	20	650		100	68	100
Royalton.....	150	150	2	2			3		11000	1	2500	51	66.00	9.00	14	2	2	84	2			1	10	80	6	200	20	650		100	68	100
Total.....	190	2784	1651	33	74	42	246900	22	40500	892	1000.04	364	84	305	\$32	\$60	\$139	\$56	\$73	\$2940	42	587	3915	141	6039	1818	16300	458	3005	1455	1407	

STATISTICS FOR ROCHESTER DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	NUMBERS.				BAP- TISM.	CHURCH PROPERTY.				BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.										SUNDAY SCHOOLS.										MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.			
	Probationers.	Members.	Local Preachers.	Deaths.		Children.	Adults.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	For Conf. Claimants.	FOR MISSIONS.		For Ch. Extension.	For Tract Society.	For S. School Union.	For Freedmen's Aid Society.	For Education.	Amount raised for Bishops.	Building and Im- provement Fund.	Schools.	Officers and Tchrs.	Scholars.	Conversions.	Volumes in Library.	Total Expense of Schools this Year.	Salaries exclusive of House Rent.	Deficiencies.	Rental Value of Par- sonages.	P. E. Claims.	Donations.	
ROCHESTER:																																	
First Church.....	18	465	6	5	10	7	1	\$30000	1	\$4500	163	156.00	301.00	315.30	\$29	\$109	\$10	\$	40	\$ 210	1	42	500	20	600	\$350	\$3000	\$600	\$150	\$225			
Gorn Hill.....	10	153	3	2	5	6	1	25000			48	100.00	20.00	53	4	15	4	20	800	1	22	100	5	465	100	1200	400	64					
Asbury.....	22	292	3	5	7	20	1	35000			88	50.00	100.00	10	3	10	5	100	300	1	33	201	5	800	250	1200	400	100	54				
Alexander Street.....	15	200	2	4	9	25	1	15000			60	50.00	150.00	2	1	8	1	3500	1	32	200	25	300	25	300	250	1200	312	54	125			
North Street.....	10	169	4	4	9		1	20000	1	5000	45	13.00	51.00	2	1	1	3	300	1	24	200	30	347	170	1200	1200	450	68					
Frank Street.....	40	186	5	2	12	52	2	15000			45	4.75	18.00	15	3	4	3	50	2	15	18	98	7	175	150	800	200	24	150				
Pittsford.....	12	59	1	3	5	4	1	9000	1	1000	48	42.00	9.00	12	1	4	5	3500	1	18	18	185	5	800	150	1200	200	64	150				
Victor.....	135	1	1	1	5	2	1	20000	1	2500	40	50.00	17.00	10	4	5	11	2800	1	18	18	185	5	800	150	1200	200	64	150				
Macedon and Perinton.....	27	177	1	1	3	18	1	10000	1	1200	27	17.00	34.50	15	2	8	1	500	1	16	143	2	200	100	500	200	100	140					
Walworth and Lincoln.....	4	132	2	2	2	2	1	18000	1	1300	23	21.00	7.00	7	3	3	40	2	26	200	3	54	100	374	12	200	60	44	140				
Lakeside and Ontario.....	2	94	1	1		2	1	10000			1	7.00		1	1	1	2	24	100	2	24	100	374	12	200	60	44	140					
West Webster.....	4	105	1	1		2	1	8000	1	800	25	30.00	7.00	8	1	3	7	1	2	24	100	374	12	200	60	44	140						
Henrietta.....	3	99	1	1	1	1	1	4000	1	1000	30	46.00		15	1	15	1	6	343	1	18	101	384	100	589	100	100	23	97				
Rush.....	3	98	1	1	1	1	1	4000	1	1500	40	35.00		15	1	15	1	6	343	1	18	101	384	100	589	100	100	23	97				
Scottsville.....	30	100	1	2	4	2	1	6000	1	1500	30	35.00		15	1	15	1	6	343	1	18	101	384	100	589	100	100	23	97				
Bergen.....	3	67	1	1	1	1	1	4000	1	1500	30	30.00		16.00	1	12	1	6	343	1	18	101	384	100	589	100	100	23	97				
Churchville.....	1	87	6	1	1	1	1	6000	1	1500	30	35.00		14.40	1	12	1	6	343	1	18	101	384	100	589	100	100	23	97				
Chili.....	1	87	6	1	1	1	1	6000	1	1500	30	35.00		14.40	1	12	1	6	343	1	18	101	384	100	589	100	100	23	97				
Seneca and Gates.....	13	48	1	1	1	1	1	20000	1	1300	29	38.30	17.00	22.30	1	16	1	2	575	1	18	85	54	275	30	600	650	75	74				
Parma.....	4	22	1	1	1	1	1	3000	1	1500	27	29.00	22.00	22.30	1	16	1	2	575	1	18	85	54	275	30	600	650	75	74				
Greene.....	13	48	1	1	1	1	1	3000	1	1500	27	29.00	22.00	22.30	1	16	1	2	575	1	18	85	54	275	30	600	650	75	74				
Charlotte.....	4	22	1	1	1	1	1	3000	1	1500	27	29.00	22.00	22.30	1	16	1	2	575	1	18	85	54	275	30	600	650	75	74				
Clarkson.....	11	30	1	1	7	3	1	3500	1	2200	30	106.00	25.90		5	5	1	1200	600	600	17	135	112	200	169	225	28	20	68	140			
Brookport.....	2	162	1	1	3	3	1	3500	1	4000	30	55.00		24	3	3	1	10	150	1	22	140	208	4	350	85	50	900	300	70	28		
Sweden.....	2	162	1	1	3	3	1	3500	1	4000	30	55.00		24	3	3	1	10	150	1	22	140	208	4	350	85	50	900	300	70	28		
Total.....	256	3261	17	55	84	153	34	\$15000	18	37400	\$988	\$104.65	\$779.10	\$475.75	\$84	\$236	\$51	\$162	\$138928	36	505	4115	95	6397	1929	\$2740	\$110	\$597	\$544	\$1404			

STATISTICS FOR LIMA DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	NUMBERS.			BAP- TISM.	CHURCH PROPERTY.			BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.										SUNDAY SCHOOLS.							MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.							
	Probationers.	Members.	Deaths.		Children.	Adults.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	FOR MISSIONS.					Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Conversions.	Volumes in Library.	Total Expense of Schools this Year.	Salaries exclusive of House Rent.	Deficiencies.	Rental Value of Par- sonages.	P. E. Claims.	Deficiencies.	Donations.					
											For Conf. Claimants.	Churches.	S. Schools.	For Ch. Extension.	For Tract Society.													For S. School Union.	For Freedmen's Aid	For Society.	Amount raised for Bishops.	Building and Im- provement Fund.
Lima.....	1	140	2	1	2	1	\$25,000	1	16,000	\$42.00	\$92.00	\$14.00	\$17.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$38.00	\$20.00	\$1.00	\$4.00	\$100.00	1	15	95	11	400	90	\$1,020	\$398	\$180	\$70	\$118	
Honeye Falls.....	3	124	1	1	1	1	15,000	1	15,000	35.40	53.00	15.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	50.00	1	25	125	11	400	90	800	100	55	200	200	
Bloomfield.....	3	57	1	1	1	1	7,500	1	7,500	17.00	10.00	15.00	15.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	170.00	1	12	90	1	365	60	800	150	54	7	7	
Miller's Corners.....	3	32	1	1	1	1	4,000	1	4,000	9.60	8.00	10.00	8.14	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	30.00	1	9	42	3	100	53	600	75	40	200	200	
Bristol Centre.....	2	43	1	1	1	1	3,200	1	2,500	33.00	50.00	10.00	7.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	140.00	1	8	30	3	8	22	600	100	50	40	40	
Richmond.....	28	71	1	1	1	1	3,000	1	3,000	24.00	50.00	35.00	20.00	4.00	4.00	18.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	50.00	1	23	235	2	200	100	1,000	150	60	150	150	
Avon.....	6	120	1	1	1	1	7,500	1	4,500	55.00	70.00	130.00	25.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	140.00	1	23	235	2	200	100	800	300	65	200	200	
Geneseo.....	9	180	1	1	1	1	7,000	1	1,400	20.00	44.00	15.00	5.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	175.00	1	20	90	5	200	10	850	150	55	110	110	
Mount Morris.....	9	106	1	1	1	1	8,000	1	4,500	28.20	53.00	10.00	8.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	175.00	1	20	130	4	500	75	700	250	53	120	120	
Livonia.....	6	96	1	1	1	1	4,000	1	4,000	16.00	11.00	11.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	50.00	1	7	53	75	600	164	600	50	30	55	55	
Hemlock Lake.....		50	2																													
and Conesus.....																																
Springwater.....		21	125		16																											
and Canadice.....		8	136		4																											
North Colocation.....		15	235		6																											
Naples.....		19	235		6																											
Scottsburg and East Sparta.....		50	60	3	2																											
Groveland.....		5	50	2	2																											
Sparta.....		1	1	1	1																											
Nunda.....		1	140	1	1																											
Nunda Station.....		1	80	1	1																											
Canaseraga.....	62	194	5	3	61																											
Birdsall.....		1	1	1	1																											
Angelica.....		74	1	1	1																											
West Almond.....		2	73	1	1																											
Andover.....		40	193	1	2																											
Dansville.....		2	122	1	1																											
Portage.....		2	122	1	1																											
Total.....	223	5583	16	43	17	110	34	16490	21	43400	683.31	888.88	289.25	180.10	\$44	130	54	87	11506	39	467	2656	103	4917	978	17000	1038	3042	1192	37	2597	

STATISTICS FOR BATH DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	NUMBERS.				BAP- TISM.	CHURCH PROPERTY.			BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.							SUNDAY SCHOOLS.					MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.												
	Probationers.	Members.	Local Preachers.	Deaths.		Children.	Adults.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	For Conf. Claimants.	Churches.	FOR MISSIONS. S. Schools.	For Ch. Extension.	For Tract Society.	For S. School Union.	For Freedmen's Aid Society.	For Education.	Amount raised for Bishops.	Building and Im- provement Fund.	Schools.	Officers and Thhrs.	Scholars.	Conversions.	Volumes in Library.	Total Expense of Schools this Year.	Salaries exclusive of House Rent.	Deficiencies.	Rental Value of Par- sonages.	P. E. Claims.	Donations.	
Bath.....	8	202	1	1	4	1	2	\$25,000	1	\$25,000	\$60	100.00	\$50.00	\$15.00	\$3	\$3	\$3	\$2	\$6	\$ 700	4	22	224	110	275	\$80	\$1200	\$300	\$ 84	\$100			
Bath, second Charge..	26	102	1	1	1	1	2	4000	1	4000	24	21.00	55.00	7.00	2	2	5	5	4	800	1	22	100	15	130	30	56	500	46	50	46	68	
Hornellsville.....	2	180	1	1	1	1	2	1000	1	1000	52	35.00	41.30	20.00	1	1	1	1	6	7000	1	25	100	10	275	30	1300	200	200	70			
Addison.....	10	120	1	1	3	1	2	15000	1	15000	45	68.00	36.00	16.00	2	2	3	2	6	2000	1	19	150	12	300	75	880	800	180	60			
Canisio.....	5	85	3	1	3	1	2	3000	1	2500	30	4.00	1.00	1.00	1	1	2	1	1	5	1	5	25	100	100	100	5	350	50	28	100		
Hartsville.....	71	73	1	1	3	1	29	7500	1	900	42	21.00	6.05	6.05	1	1	2	1	1	1400	2	15	80	6	436	35	600	600	50	54	100		
Rathboneville.....	30	118	1	1	3	1	5	5000	1	1000	26	10.50	8.00	2.00	2	2	1	1	2	60	2	30	130	1	150	14	700	100	13	54	75	50	
Woodhull.....	12	110	1	1	1	1	1	9000	1	1000	30	40.00	8.00	2.00	1	1	1	1	1	220	3	20	130	1	100	30	500	100	100	40	40	70	
Jasper.....	30	65	1	1	2	1	1	3000	1	900	8	5.00	2.00	2.00	3	3	1	3	4	3	3	15	60	1	100	30	600	600	75	48	125		
Troupsburg.....	1	9000	2	2	1	1	3	1000	1	1000	27	5.00	2.00	1.00	1	1	1	1	1	70	4	25	16	81	3	100	30	600	600	75	48	125	
Greenwood.....	40	98	1	2	1	1	20	2500	1	1000	27	2.00	2.00	1.00	3	3	2	1	3	1400	3	20	125	5	100	20	500	500	30	40	30		
Erwin.....	34	32	2	4	2	1	13	3500	1	8000	4	2.00	5.00	4.00	1	1	1	1	1	1600	4	25	133	8	100	30	550	550	50	75	46	175	
Campbelltown.....	30	130	2	4	3	1	20	6500	1	1000	30	24.00	5.00	1.00	1	1	2	1	1	14	1	20	20	50	50	30	500	500	130	44	130		
Merchantsville.....	10	85	2	4	3	1	13	8000	1	1000	27	31.00	22.00	6.00	1	1	2	1	1	2000	3	3	15	60	1	100	30	550	550	130	44	130	
Savona.....	30	100	1	2	1	1	20	6500	1	1000	30	27.00	22.00	6.00	1	1	2	1	1	2000	3	3	15	60	1	100	30	550	550	130	44	130	
Hammondsport.....	5	75	1	2	1	1	2	4000	1	1000	30	27.00	22.00	6.00	1	1	2	1	1	2000	3	3	15	60	1	100	30	550	550	130	44	130	
Pultery.....	4	90	1	2	1	1	10	7000	1	1000	30	27.00	22.00	6.00	1	1	2	1	1	2000	3	3	15	60	1	100	30	550	550	130	44	130	
Whitesville.....	18	97	1	2	1	1	10	6000	1	1000	30	27.00	22.00	6.00	1	1	2	1	1	2000	3	3	15	60	1	100	30	550	550	130	44	130	
Avoca.....	6	54	1	2	1	1	10	7000	1	1000	30	27.00	22.00	6.00	1	1	2	1	1	2000	3	3	15	60	1	100	30	550	550	130	44	130	
Towlesville.....	20	103	1	2	1	1	9	7000	1	1000	30	27.00	22.00	6.00	1	1	2	1	1	2000	3	3	15	60	1	100	30	550	550	130	44	130	
Liberty.....	10	75	1	1	1	1	9	7000	1	1000	30	27.00	22.00	6.00	1	1	2	1	1	2000	3	3	15	60	1	100	30	550	550	130	44	130	
Premont.....	10	75	1	1	1	1	9	7000	1	1000	30	27.00	22.00	6.00	1	1	2	1	1	2000	3	3	15	60	1	100	30	550	550	130	44	130	
Rogersville.....	1	31	1	4	1	1	10	6000	1	1000	30	27.00	22.00	6.00	1	1	2	1	1	2000	3	3	15	60	1	100	30	550	550	130	44	130	
Prattsburgh.....	12	140	3	2	1	1	6	6000	1	1000	30	27.00	22.00	6.00	1	1	2	1	1	2000	3	3	15	60	1	100	30	550	550	130	44	130	
Wayland.....	27	45	1	2	1	1	6	8000	1	1000	30	27.00	22.00	6.00	1	1	2	1	1	4000	3	3	15	60	1	100	30	550	550	130	44	130	
Cameron.....	7	75	1	2	1	1	4	8000	1	1000	30	27.00	22.00	6.00	1	1	2	1	1	4000	3	3	15	60	1	100	30	550	550	130	44	130	
Bath Mission.....	5	30	1	2	1	1	4	8000	1	1000	30	27.00	22.00	6.00	1	1	2	1	1	4000	3	3	15	60	1	100	30	550	550	130	44	130	
Total.....	544	2302	23	40	7	152	42	202300	21	20800	702	627.41	272.30	148.70	\$37	\$39	\$41	30	\$64	\$25363	56	569	2819	49	9486	6748	17318	450	2480	1100	2455		

STATISTICS FOR GENESEE DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	NUMBERS.			BAP- TISM.		CHURCH PROPERTY.		BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.										SUNDAY SCHOOLS.					MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.								
	Probationers.	Members.	Deaths.	Children.	Adults.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	For Conf. Claimants.	FOR MISSIONS.		For Ch. Extension.	For Tract Society.	For S. School Union.	For Freedmen's Aid Society.	For Education.	Amount raised for Bishops.	Building and Im- provement Fund.	Schools.	Officers and Tchr.	Scholars.	Conversions.	Volumes in Library.	Total Expense of Schools this year.	Salary exclusive of House Rent.	Deficiencies.	Rental Value of Par- sonages.	P. E. Claims.	Deficiencies.	Donations.
											Churches.	S. Schools.																			
Batavia	10	380	5		1	2	\$30000		\$ 800	\$ 54	\$40.00		\$ 1.00	\$1	\$2	\$ 1	\$12			1	25	140	9	150	\$150	\$ 950	\$230	300	70	\$210	
Stafford	9	180	2		3	1	6000		3000	47	8.00	116.47	15.10	2	4	3	1	4		1	1	25	36	343	232	1300	300	82	150	\$8	
Leroy	8	148	1		1	1	5000		1500	13	47.00	10.00	10.00	2	3	3	1	3		1	1	25	210	200	25	400	50	40	50	40	
East Elba	1	43	1		1	1	5000		1200	12	5.00		1.00		4	3	1	1		1	1	8	54	300	25	400	50	40	50	32	
Byron	2	50	1		1	1	4000		1200	15	18.85		3.30	1	2	3	1	1		1	10	60	50	10	500	100	32	50	32		
Oakfield	6	48	4		4	1	3000		1200	13	9.70		11.00	3	5	1	2	5		2	1	17	45	16	121	25	800	200	44	18	135
Warsaw	7	156	4		3	3	12000		1500	43	20.00		2.50	1	1	2	1	3		2	2	17	115	6	30	600	200	52	100	52	35
Belfast and Canadea Wiscon and Hume. Centerville and Eagle. Pike and East Pike	8	106	1		1	1	6500		1000	21	12.00		4.00		1	2	1	5		2	15	60	8	175	40	675	388	100	52	13	70
Castile	5	115	1		1	3	5500		1000	23	20.00		11.20	4	5	7	4	4		1	12	100	100	4	600	50	52	50	52	50	
Gainesville	4	142	2		1	2	5000		1200	36	64.30	6.01	2.50		1	2	1	2		3	25	175	1	150	35	700	125	65	80	65	80
Short Tract	6	130	3		1	4	6000		800	38	22.01		18.00	2	3	8	1	4		3	30	175	200	100	600	600	500	80	53	53	50
North Java	7	156	1		2	4	5000		1000	17	11.00		50.00	3	3	4	1	2		2	25	141	14	80	300	700	50	80	42	42	42
Perry	4	125	5		1	2	8000		2000	37	114.00		18.00	2	3	8	1	4		3	30	175	200	100	600	600	500	80	53	53	50
Pavillion and Covington Alexander	16	160	2		9	4	6000		3000	48	175.00	5.75	50.00	3	3	4	3	3		2	20	110	170	29	700	100	100	200	50	82	125
Darien	2	104	1		1	2	3600		3000	30	47.35		15.50	2	3	4	1	2		2	12	60	120	30	550	150	100	100	50	50	50
Alabama	2	45	1		1	1	3600		1200	15	17.00		2.60	1	1	2	1	5		2	12	60	120	30	550	150	100	100	50	40	40
Asbury and Wesley Sardinia and Arcade Powerville Circuit	9	120	2		2	2	3000		1000	32	25.00		10.00	2	2	5	1	10		2	16	82	300	16	600	100	100	50	40	12	120
	2	42	1		11	3	2500		600	13	15.00		2.50	1	1	2	1	2		2	14	104	350	30	364	50	100	100	50	40	6
	22	110	2				9000		1800	25	30.00		5.00	1	1	2	1	2		2	23	190	100	100	850	100	100	50	50	50	50
Total	144	2292	15	30	20	47	162100	18	\$25500	\$653	\$769.01	139.43	174.60	\$32	\$40	\$52	19	\$85	4290	36	335	2405	42	3119	1081	15689	1348	2355	1226	93	1040

STATISTICS FOR OLEAN DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	NUMBERS.				BAP- TISM.	CHURCH PROPERTY.				BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.							SUNDAY SCHOOLS.				MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.													
	Probationers.	Members.	Local Preachers.	Deaths.		Children.	Adults.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	For Conf. Claimants.	Churches.	FOR MISSIONS. S. Schools.	For Ch. Extension.	For Tract Society.	For S. School Union.	For Freedmen's Aid Society.	For Education.	Amount raised for Bishops.	Building and Im- provement Fund.	Schools.	Officers and Tchrs.	Scholars.	Conversions.	Volumes in Library.	Total Expense of Schools this Year.	Salaries exclusive of House Rent.	Deficiencies.	Rental Value of Par- sonages.	P. E. Claims.	Donations.		
Olean	13	125	3	3	1	2	3	1	\$7000	1	\$2250	\$38	\$33.30	\$4.00	\$14.00	\$1	\$1	\$3	\$5	\$5	\$350	1	16	175	5	350	\$100	\$800	\$750	\$248	\$200	\$67	\$36	
Portville	4	76	1	1	1	1	1	1	3500	1	2000	17	5.00	5.00	10.00				2	2	15	4	35	100	200	400	700	400	100	40	300			
Allegany	4	80	1	1	1	1	1	1	4000	1	1800	18	5.50		1.00				1	1	500	3	19	160	11	304	70	600	400	100	78	60		
Hinsdale	5	115	4	4	5	3	6	1	4000	1	1111	40	50.00	15.00	7.00				3	3	50	8	20	150	100	100	100	650	150	98	60			
Friendship and Belmont Cuba	9	107	2	2	2	2	7	1	6000	1	2000	45	50.00		5.00	5			1	1	50	3	10	50	25	10	600	100	36	75				
Otto	5	70	2	2	2	2	4	1	7000	1	1500	17	8.00		5.00				9	3	1300	2	18	191	2	150	63	700	100	36	75			
East Otto	12	180	4	4	4	4	4	2	6000	1	1500	42	20.00	12.00	26.00	2	2	2	1	3	1300	1	15	100	190	4	200	21	400	100	13			
Franklinville	10	66	1	1	1	1	2	1	7000	1	2000	6	13.00		4.58	1	1	3	1	2	1250	1	5	40	2	180	20	600	130	100	20	20		
Macbas	1	57	1	1	1	1	1	1	3000	1	1500	9	4.00		4.00				2	2	250	2	25	150	4	200	50	500	230	50	26			
Yorkshire	3	50	1	1	1	1	1	1	2000	1	1000	19	16.00		8.00	10			2	3	10	4	27	160	6	500	29	800	75	40	30			
Bolivar	4	69	1	1	1	1	3	1	4100	1	1800	23	40.00		2.00	1	1	1	1	3	1000	1	25	150	6	500	500	500	279	100	38	32		
Ceres	6	68	1	1	1	1	3	1	4100	1	1500	10	10.00		3.00	1	1	1	1	3	528	2	12	60	7	225	50	500	279	100	38	32		
Ellettsville	6	68	1	1	1	1	3	1	4100	1	1500	10	10.00		3.00	1	1	1	1	3	1000	1	25	150	6	500	500	500	279	100	38	32		
Smithville	6	78	1	1	1	1	3	1	4100	1	1500	10	10.00		3.00	1	1	1	1	3	1000	1	25	150	6	500	500	500	279	100	38	32		
Port Allegany & Eldred Clippers	20	160	2	2	2	2	2	2	2000	1	1500	48	31.60	2.40	6.85	1	2	2	1	1	4	528	2	12	60	7	225	50	500	279	100	38	32	
Oswaydo	7	70	1	1	1	1	9	1	1000	1	800	6	.50		8.00	25			2	3	4	528	2	12	60	7	225	50	500	279	100	38	32	
Bradford	5	40	1	1	1	1	9	1	1000	1	800	19	11.00		2.00	1	2	2	1	1	4	528	2	12	60	7	225	50	500	279	100	38	32	
Selo	23	28	1	1	1	1	9	1	4500	1	250	32	16.00	5.00	16.00	1	2	2	2	2	3	175	4	20	125	5	200	400	400	200	36	17	104	
Wellsville	17	109	2	2	2	2	1	1	7000	1	1500	32	36.00	11.00	16.00	1	1	1	1	2	3	175	4	20	125	5	200	400	400	200	36	17	104	
Whitesville	8	125	1	1	1	1	2	1	2500	1	1500	17	5.00		31.00	1	1	1	1	2	3	165	3	20	175	2	180	50	800	47	100	55		
Willing	8	125	1	1	1	1	2	1	2500	1	1500	17	5.00		31.00	1	1	1	1	2	3	165	3	20	175	2	180	50	800	47	100	55		
Rushford	15	115	1	1	1	1	17	2	8000	1	2000	28	111.00	25.00	3.35	1	1	1	1	1	500	2	31	270	4	800	54	850	150	150	60	60		
Total	193	2097	25	42	20	69	33	105600	18	\$29650	547	657.90	139.40	160.53	\$25	\$38	\$50	\$33	\$47	6143	63	535	3848	60	5226	\$870	16325	1709	2154	1167	514			

NOTE.—Collections were received for the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society as follows: Rochester—First Church, \$98; Cent Hill, \$35; Asbury, \$65.60; Alexander Street, \$15; North Street, \$40; Penfield, \$35; Churchville, \$3; Spencerport, \$1; Rathboneville, \$2; Tuscaraora, \$1.75; Hammond'sport, \$1; Pulney, \$1; Youngstown, &c., \$2.37; Newhite, \$5; Medina, \$5; Albion, \$21.19; Holley and Clarendon, \$10; Lima, \$25.25; Springwater and Canadice, \$2; Grayland, \$1; Chautauque, \$17; Angelica, \$3; Andover, \$3; Dansville, \$3; Batavia, \$1; Centerville and Eagle, \$1; North Cay, \$5; Alexandria, \$1.25; Sardonia, &c., \$1; Machias, \$1; Bradford, \$2; Selo, \$1; Whitesville, \$1; Gowanda, \$2; Tonawanda, \$1; Hamburg, \$1.35; Evans and Brant, \$20; Buffalo—St. Mark's, \$1; Delaware Avenue, \$90; Grace, \$120. A few, each less than \$1. Total, \$565.46.

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REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

BATAVIA CHURCH.

Whereas, By our action last year we promised aid to the struggling Church at Batavia, and this aid is now even more than ever an immediate and pressing need; therefore,

Resolved, 1. That we promise within the next three years, or earlier, if possible, to raise the sum of three thousand dollars for the Church at Batavia.

2. That as Pastors we will state the facts to our people and congregations, and we will take a collection for the Batavia Church, and the Church Extension Society at the same time, and then divide the collection in halves, sending fifty per cent. of the whole to the Rev. J. E. Bills, for the Church at Batavia.

3. That with this understanding and promise, we will take this collection within ninety days after the adoption of these resolutions; and,

Whereas, Collections have been taken for the Batavia Church, in connection with those for the Church Extension Society; therefore,

Resolved, 4. That we hereby instruct the Treasurer of the Conference Church Extension Society to pay over to the Parent Society, two-fifths of the money in the treasury, counting receipts for money forwarded to the parent Society as cash to be deducted from the amount to be forwarded, and to pay the balance of three-fifths to Rev. J. E. Bills for Batavia Church.

5. That our action in pledging to raise \$3,000 for the Batavia Church is made and conditioned upon the pledge, on the part of the Trustees of said Church, made by their agent, the Rev. J. E. Bills, that said Trustees will provide for and pay off the entire balance of the indebtedness of said Church.

Adopted, October 6th.

MISSIONARY APPROPRIATIONS.

The following charges are constituted Missions, with the appropriations indicated:

Superintendent of Indian Mission.....	\$ 50.00
Niagara Falls.....	100.00
Charlotte.....	150.00
Hemlock Lake and Conesus.....	40.00
West Almond.....	30.00
Miller's Corners.....	30.00
Greenwood.....	75.00
Erwin Centre.....	50.00
Willing.....	50.00
Oswayo.....	50.00
Attica.....	175.00
Total.....	\$800.00

The Bishop concurring October 2d.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

We are fully convinced that the work of the Board of Church Extension stands, at least, next in importance to that of Missions; and that the great success of our Domestic Missions, especially in the West and South, is largely due to the prompt and judicious aid afforded by this Society.

Hence, these two benevolencies of our Church should go hand in hand; the one to sow the seed of truth, the other to build garnerers for the promised harvest.

The success of the Church Extension Society is simply wonderful!

More than fifteen hundred churches have been erected through its efforts during the ten years of its active work, and many positions of power and usefulness have been occupied by our Methodism through its watchfulness and zeal.

Still, it is greatly crippled for want of means, and it is keenly to be regretted that this Conference has, thus far, raised but a part of the modest amount annually asked of it by the Parent Board.

Your Committee are persuaded that a great advance may be expected in our collections if every pastor will put forth a proper effort to give the people the facts in connection with this noble work, and urge its claims upon them.

The demand is an imperative one; let it be faithfully laid upon the hearts of our members.

We recommend the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That, as a Conference, we will make especial effort to raise for this cause, at least, the full amount asked for by the General Committee of Church Extension.

2. That we recommend each pastor to procure from the office of the Board of Church Extension in Philadelphia, the tract entitled "Our Church Extension Work," for general distribution among the people.

3. That, as pastors, we pledge ourselves to obey the Disciplinary requirement by preaching, some time during the Conference year, on the subject of Church Extension, and taking up a collection for the same.

4. That, at the next annual session of our Conference, we will see to it that the instructions of the 420th paragraph of our Book of Discipline be carried out, and each pastor be required to "report the amount asked and the amount received for Church Extension."

ROSS C. HOUGHTON, *Chairman*.

MINARD HOME.

Whereas, The late Abel Minard, of Morristown, N. J., and formerly of Lockport, N. Y., did give to the Methodist Episcopal Church, a property in the city of Morristown, N. J., consisting of grounds and buildings, valued at about sixty thousand dollars, for the purpose of providing a Christian home for the daughters of our foreign missionaries, and also for the daughters of deceased ministers of the Methodist Episcopal Church, at home as well as abroad; therefore,

Resolved, That we approve of the establishment of this home, and earnestly commend it to the attention and liberality of the members of our Church, both lay and clerical.

Resolved, That we will, as far as we are able and have opportunity, aid the Superintendent, Rev. S. S. Wetherby, in his efforts to secure a sufficient endowment for this Home.

E. E. CHAMBERS.
J. B. WENTWORTH.
A. D. WILBOR.

Adopted, October 2d.

CONFERENCE FUND, AND MINARD WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

Whereas, It is the design of the Methodist Episcopal Church to give to its Superannuated Ministers, and the widows and orphans of deceased ministers, whatever is needful for a sufficient support; and,

Whereas, The fund placed annually in the hands of the Stewards of this Conference, for the purpose of meeting this claim, are too limited to enable them to do more than partially meet the demands upon them; and,

Whereas, The Conference Fund, and Minard Widows' and Orphans' Fund, of the Western New York Conference, have been legally chartered to receive donations, benefactions and bequests, for the purpose of meeting the claims above referred to; therefore,

Resolved, That we will call the attention of our people to the importance of this subject, and request them to remember this important interest in their bequests and donations.

E. E. CHAMBERS.
S. Y. HAMMOND.

FREEDMEN'S AID SOCIETY.

Resolved, 1. That we hereby express our continued and prayerful interest in the much abused and too much neglected freedmen of the South, and our hearty sympathy with those who labor for their enlightenment and salvation.

2. That in view of the greatness and importance of their cause, we consider the sum of four cents per member—the amount contributed the past year—far too small, and pledge ourselves to labor earnestly during the present year to secure larger collections to carry forward this righteous enterprise.

Adopted, Oct. 5th.

BIBLE CAUSE.

Whereas, The American Bible Society, through its agents and auxiliary societies, has rendered valuable service to the Church and the world; therefore,

Resolved, That we will continue to sustain it by our prayers and our contributions.

Adopted, Oct. 5th.

TRACTS.

Whereas, The press is used to disseminate unwholesome and pernicious sentiments; and,

Whereas, When rightly employed it is a powerful agent for good; therefore,

Resolved, That we deem the Tract Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church an excellent medium for communicating religious truth, and commend it to the confidence and support of our people.

Adopted, Oct. 5th.

EDUCATION.

Your Committee beg leave to submit the following report:

One of the mightiest agencies in uplifting fallen humanity from its degradation, consequent upon sin, is that of *Christian education*.

"Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased," was a divine prophecy, uttered in the ages past, and is having its fulfillment at the present time. And while the world is affording such wonderful facilities for its advancement in secular knowledge, it is incumbent upon the Church of Christ to see well to it, that the education of the masses—at least of those of them who are to occupy leading positions in society—shall be well seasoned with the grace of the Gospel. We, therefore, hail with gratitude the fact, that *Christian* institutions of learning have been established, and we most earnestly call upon all our people to rally to their most cordial and liberal support.

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.

This institution is now the only one of its grade in the State of New York, under the control of the Methodist Episcopal Church. It is the outgrowth from, and successor to, the Genesee College, and has inherited the interest in the higher education which that institution so nobly cherished. Its classes are large, its courses of study well arranged, and its success is highly creditable to the Church. It needs from \$100,000 to \$150,000 added to its present endowment to enable it to carry on its work successfully. The Church having done so much will certainly not fail to complete the enterprise so well begun.

The ensuing Conference year will embrace the centennial of our national independence. The General Conference having recommended that all our congregations contribute this year of their money, as a thank-offering to Almighty God for the promotion of the cause of education, we hereby endorse said action and recommend for adoption the following resolution, viz.:

Resolved, That we recommend that on some Sabbath in the month of June, 1876, all our pastors preach on the subject of Christian education, and solicit subscriptions and collections for that cause, and that we will, then, or at any other time, welcome the Chancellor and general agent of Syracuse University, and the Principal of the Genesee Wesleyan Seminary to all our pulpits to aid the above object.

GENESEE WESLEYAN SEMINARY.

This institution, which, as a Conference, we still regard as our first and special interest, has now entered upon a new era in its history. The past year has been an eventful one. Twenty-five years ago the attempt was made to establish within the enclosure of the Seminary grounds, a college, whose successful existence must inevitably overshadow and seriously impair the usefulness of the parent institution. A score of years was sufficient to demonstrate that two such institutions, with separate and independent corporations, could not thrive together. After heroic efforts and generous sacrifices on the part of friends and patrons, the Genesee College is now known in history—a history in no respect dishonorable. The legislation necessary to the transfer of the entire property of the College to the Seminary having been obtained, such transfer was effected, the Seminary entering into contract with the College to furnish the tuition demanded by scholarships.

Aside from the real estate and buildings which were owned in common by both institutions, the College transferred to the Seminary its endowment amounting to \$54,325, all of which, excepting \$600, is productive, and valued at par.

With this endowment the Seminary, independent and untrammelled, commences a new life, which we trust will be vigorous and perpetual. Through the efforts of the Principal, aided by a competent committee, the buildings have been rejuvenated, and refurnished with ample modern appliances, rendering them comfortable, convenient and tasteful, at an expense of about \$12,800. The patrons of the Seminary have shown their appreciation of these improvements and the course of instruction, by furnishing a larger number of students than has been in attendance for many years past at a corresponding period of the year.

The Board of instruction and government is composed of Christian gentlemen and ladies of eminent ability; and being supplied with cabinets and apparatus, libraries and reading-rooms superior to those of any other academic institution in the United States, and being located in a most healthy and beautiful section of Western New York, this institution challenges the admiration and liberal patronage of the Christian public; therefore,

Resolved, That the members of this Conference should consider it a sacred duty to encourage young men and women, in their several charges, contemplating an academic education, to attend the Genesee Wesleyan Seminary.

THEOLOGICAL SCHOOLS.

We would also reaffirm our grateful recognition of the success which has attended our several schools of Theology, and commend them to those of our young men who feel called to take upon them the office and work of the Christian ministry, as worthy of their attention and patronage.

We recognize the Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church as an important agency in assisting needy young men in their preparations for the work of the ministry, and urge all our Churches and Sunday Schools to contribute liberally for this cause.

Resolved, That the officers and managers of our Conference Education Society be instructed to expend the money raised by the annual Educational collections, to aid needy students for the ministry, and for missionary service, either at the Genesee Wesleyan Seminary, at the Syracuse University, or at some Theological School.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Whereas, We are engaged in the great conflict with modern doubt and Romish credulity, whose purpose is to discredit and overthrow the supremacy of the Word of God, we gratefully recognize the divine hand in the increased attention given throughout the Church to the more thorough and systematic study of the Holy Scriptures. The best antidote to skepticism is the living Word; and the sword of the Spirit is the surest weapon against all error and superstition. But we must know how to use this instrument. There is a demand for skilled workmen. Teachers must be trained. We should look

well to the material selected for the work, and then we should give our *best thought and endeavor* to their ample equipment. The responsibility, and a large share of the work of teacher-training must devolve upon the ministry. Teachers should be our right-hand helpers. They are sub-pastors. Their relation to the young of the flock is very intimate, and their power for good should be utilized by the pastor. It will be by the wise pastor, for he cannot afford to lose the opportunity of guiding and inspiring leaders of thought. The work implied in Teachers' meetings and Normal classes is *germane* to the highest type of ministerial culture and efficiency. Here is found a continual incentive to a critical and exegetical study of the Word, and here also he may train himself in conversational and expository preaching.

We therefore suggest the establishment of one of these classes in connection with every Church. Do not confine it to the teachers; invite in the older scholars, and members of the Church that may not be connected with the school.

We further deem it highly important that pastors urge their schools to sustain the public and social services of the Church.

More attention also should be given in all our homes and schools to the memorizing of the Word. Herein is one of the chief excellencies of the Berean system of lessons. It magnifies the Word of God.

We also most earnestly recommend the prompt carrying out of the provisions of our Discipline with reference to the Missionary work in our Sunday schools; and also the enlistment of every member under the Temperance Banner. Let us, here at the sources of influence, lay broad and deep the foundations for permanent success.

Further, let all our helps and appliances be wisely used for *spiritual* effect. The salvation of our children, their edification in Christ, and their culture in the doctrines, polity and work of our Church, should be the grand aim of every Sunday School worker.

R. D. MUNGER, *Chairman.*

S. McGERALD, *Secretary.*

Adopted, October 5th.

THE SABBATH.

We regard the Christian Sabbath as a divine institution and its sacred observance as a matter of vital importance to the Church of Christ. We believe that all unnecessary labor on the Sabbath, and all mere pleasure seeking, is offensive to God; and that it is our duty to preserve inviolate our Christian and National Sabbath; therefore,

Resolved, That we deeply deplore the efforts of foreigners and corporate bodies to infringe upon the sacredness of our Sabbath, and that we will use every legitimate means to counteract their influence in this matter, and pledge ourselves to preach at least one sermon in the year especially upon this subject.

Resolved, That we rejoice in the better observance of the Sabbath, already secured in some dairy districts, and earnestly recommend to our brethren in those districts, to use all proper means to lessen the dairy business on that day.

Resolved, That we deeply regret the publication and sale of Sunday newspapers, and affectionately ask the members of our Church not to countenance such papers by purchasing or reading them on the Sabbath.

Adopted, October 5th.

W. R. BENHAM, *Chairman*.

J. B. WRIGHT, *Secretary*.

TEMPERANCE.

It has now been sixty-seven years since the organization of the first temperance society, and the commencement of active efforts for the success of this great reform. A large proportion of all active work has been directed to the reformation of those who had already become drunkards, but gradually the truth has been learned that if we will save men from drunkenness, we must save them before they commence to drink. Hence the necessity of active efforts to prevent the young from falling under the power of intemperance.

The prohibition of the traffic in intoxicating drinks by legal enactment, is necessary to the consummation of the work of reform, but this can be reached only through the proper education of the American public as to the nature and effect of alcoholic liquors in the formation of the terrible appetite for strong drink; the demoralization of moral and spiritual life, hindering the beneficent work of the Gospel, and increasing pauperism and crime. Hence the necessity of circulating a pure temperance literature among the people.

The organization of the people, old and young, in temperance societies, for the purpose of circulating the pledge, holding public meetings, circulating temperance literature, and otherwise advancing the cause, promises more for the future of the reform than any other means that can be used.

It is the duty of the Christian to use the ballot consistently with temperance principles, and by all means in his power to put down the traffic in alcoholic drinks. Therefore,

Resolved, 1. That we endorse the Constitution for Church and Sunday School Temperance Societies provided by the officers of the Conference Society, and recommend all pastors within the bounds of the Conference to see that such societies are organized on their respective charges.

2. We request the Presiding Elders to ask at each session of the District Conferences, the following questions: First. Is there a temperance society in each Church and Sunday School in the District? Second. What can be done to advance the cause of temperance? And the District Conference shall take such action as the case demands.

3. We request the publishers of our books to give more attention to the subject of Temperance Sunday School Libraries, and a larger place to this subject in the tract and general catalogues of our Book Concern.

4. That we are in favor of the entire prohibition of the liquor traffic, and of securing as speedily as possible this end by legislative enactment.

5. That we will enforce the Discipline of the Church against all members who in any way directly encourage the liquor traffic.

6. That consistency and common prudence require that we use our best endeavors for the substitution of unfermented wine instead of that commonly used in the Sacramental service.

7. That tobacco being a narcotic poison, injurious alike to body and mind, and the use of it in any of its forms being not only disgustingly filthy, but also a most pernicious example to the young, we will not use it ourselves, and will discourage its use in others as far as lies in our power.

CONFERENCE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

Whereas, It is desirable that permanent records of the early and the current history of the Methodist Episcopal Church within the limits of our Conference should be secured before the facts of such history shall be lost in the forgotten past; therefore, the Western New York Conference does, by the adoption of the Constitution following, organize itself into a society for the purpose above specified.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This Society shall be called the Historical Society of Western New York Conference, and membership in the Conference shall be the condition of membership in the Society.

ART. 2. The officers of this Society shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Recording and Corresponding Secretaries, and an Advisory Committee of seven. Said officers and Advisory Committee shall constitute the Executive Board of the Society. The officers and Advisory Committee shall hold office for one year, or until their successors are appointed.

ART. 3. It shall be the duty of the President to call meetings of the Executive Board at each session of the Conference, and at such other times as, in his judgment, shall be necessary, and to preside at all such meetings. The Vice-President shall perform these duties in the absence of the President.

ART. 4. The Recording Secretary shall have charge of all records, mementoes, communications and other valuables of the Society, and shall arrange them in proper form for permanent preservation and reference.

ART. 5. The Corresponding Secretary shall have charge of the correspondence of the association, and shall employ every means in his power to secure information by inquiry, by correspondence or otherwise, under the direction of the Executive Board, which may be valuable for preservation or record in the archives of the Society, and shall report the result of his labors at each annual meeting.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to take charge of the funds of the Society, and hold them subject to the order of the Executive Board. The funds necessary to defray the necessary expense of books, stationery and incidentals, shall be obtained through the voluntary contributions of the Conference.

ART. 7. The Executive Board shall have general supervision of the interests of the association; they shall meet at each session of the Conference, and at other times, at the call of the President, hear reports from the officers for the preceding year, and nominate their successors for the ensuing year, which nominations shall be subject to approval by the Conference. The Executive

Board shall report the result of its labors to the Conference from time to time, as they may deem proper, or whenever desired by the Conference. All the operations of this association shall be subject to the direction of the Conference.

ART. 8. This Constitution may be amended by vote of the Conference, on recommendation of a majority of the Executive Board.

Adopted, October 5th.

MEMOIRS.

C. D. BURLINGHAM.

Rev. C. D. BURLINGHAM was born Feb. 8, 1810, in the town of Greenfield, county of Saratoga, New York. Of a family of eleven children he was the fifth. The Christian names of his parents were Charles and Hannah. In the year 1818 the family removed to Western New York and settled in Perry, Genesee county, now Castile, Wyoming county. This pioneer family suffered the common privations incident to the settlers of a new country. Their religious meetings were held in a private house. Rev. Benjamin Luther, a man of more than ordinary ability was the preacher, whose eccentricities drew many to the meetings. Though some went to laugh and scoff, yet those meetings were the means of much good and were green spots in the early life of the settlers.

Schools were established, and though the advantages of education were limited, yet young BURLINGHAM acquired qualifications for teaching, which calling he followed, alternately with mercantile business, for several years. It was while employed as a teacher in Portageville, Wyoming county, in April, 1831, that he embraced religion and united with the M. E. Church.

In the spring of 1833 he went to New Berlin, Chenango county, where he was married to Adeline Cornelia Miller, who with four sons and one daughter survive to mourn their loss.

In the year 1840 he was received into the Genesee, now Western New York, Conference, of which he continued to be a useful member during life.

His appointments were as follows: In 1840, Gainsville; '41, Hume and Centreville; '42, Portageville; '43, '44, Springville; '45, '46, Rushford; '47, Warsaw; '48, Covington; '49, '50, Perry; '51, Albion; '52, '53, Tonawanda; '54 to '57, Olean District; '58, '59, Pekin; '60, '61, Newfane; '62, '63, Knowlesville; '64, '65, Royalton; '66, Tonawanda; '67, '68, '69, Gowanda and Indian Mission; '70, '71, '72, Olean; '73, '74, Portville.

He was appointed by Bishop Peck, at the last session of our Conference, Sept. 29th, for the second year, and the day following, Sept. 30th, was translated to his reward. Brother BURLINGHAM was a man of superior talents, a man of culture and sound piety, an able writer and preacher, an excellent

pastor, greatly respected and beloved by all who knew him. He was confined to his room about three weeks, by the sickness of which he died. This departure was unexpected and sudden, yet he was fully prepared and died as he had lived, a true Christian, an honored and faithful minister of Christ. His funeral was held at Olean, the present home of his family, where a large number of his brethren in the ministry and many friends gathered to pay their respects to his memory, and to sympathize with the bereaved kindred and family. He now rests from his labors, and his works follow him.

ISRAEL CHAMBERLAYNE, D. D.

Rev. ISRAEL CHAMBERLAYNE was born in Butternuts, Otsego Co., N. Y., Sept. 6, 1795. He died in Lyndonville, N. Y., March 20, 1875. He was from a vigorous and sturdy family of Welsh extraction, consisting of seven sons and three daughters. At the early age of fifteen he was converted, and joined the M. E. Church at Mount Upton, Chenango county; was licensed to exhort when seventeen years of age, and to preach when eighteen, at which time he united with the Genesee Conference. In two years from that time he was ordained deacon by Bishop McKendree, and elder two years subsequently by Bishop George. The following were his appointments: Northumberland, Pa., 1813; Broome, N. Y., 1814; St. Lawrence, 1815, and was also placed in charge of Montreal and Ottawa, Canada, in this same year; Lycoming, Pa., 1816; Belleville, Conn., 1817; Canandaigua, 1818; Catharine, 1819; Watertown, 1820; Le Roy, 1821; superannuated, 1822; Scipio and Auburn, 1823; Scipio, 1824; Caroline, 1825; Lyons, 1826-27; Palmyra, 1828; Ovid and Ulysses, 1829-30; Benton, 1831; Covington, 1832-33; Le Roy, 1834; Livonia, 1835; editor of *Auburn Banner* (*Northern Christian Advocate*) 1836-38; Presiding Elder of Buffalo District from 1839 to 1842; of Genesee District from 1843 to 1845; superannuated, 1846. He was five times elected by his brethren to the General Conference, namely, in 1824, 1828, 1832, 1852, 1856. Many of these charges were large in extent, difficult of access, laborious in services required, and meager in amount of support rendered. Brother CHAMBERLAYNE went forth to his duty, however, with unflinching courage, and was attended by glorious success.

At the age of twenty-five, after seven years of itinerant life, he was united in marriage to Miss Joanna Price, who bare to him twelve children, and faithfully and lovingly shared with him in all earthly vicissitudes, fifty-four years.

Dr. CHAMBERLAYNE was compelled by an extreme nervous sensibility, induced by the reaction and exhaustion following attempts at stated preaching when in charge, to retire from the itinerancy in the meridian of life. He by no means, however, ceased to take an active part in the various questions agitating the Church, or in those movements and enterprises which affected the welfare of his Conference. He was always present at all Conference sessions, and the most "effective" itinerant entered no more heartily into the discussions which there arose, and the business there transacted, than did he. To the very last he kept fully up with the march of church progress, and abated not one jot of manifest interest in whatever related to the welfare of our Zion.

During the years of his superannuation he was no idler in the vineyard. His disability for the regular work of the itinerant ministry by no means disqualified him for literary toil in the quiet of his study; and for this kind of toil he was peculiarly fitted by his native and acquired endowments and tastes. All along, during these years of his retirement, was he sending forth the products of his pen to aid the cause of Christian truth and bless the world—works which the Church “will not willingly let die.” Dr. CHAMBERLAYNE was distinguished for intellectual strength, for a most dignified and courteous bearing, in his intercourse with his brethren, for the strictest observance of the rules of propriety and order in churchly and conference duties. He was a master in logic, an original explorer in metaphysics and theology, intensely exact as a linguist, keenly sharp as a controversialist, and poetically sensitive as a rhetorician. As a preacher he was instructive and original; often were his utterances attended by an unction and power of demonstration that were overwhelming.

Great as were the natural endowments of our deceased brother, he was remarkably diffident and unobtrusive, except when impelled by conscientious convictions. When thus impelled, no presence or opposition could intimidate him. His faith in the Word of God was profound, and such was the depth of his appreciation of the mysteries of that Word, that in the application of the tests of divine truth to his own life and experience, he was often bowed down with deepest self-deprecation and humility.

In social life Dr. CHAMBERLAYNE was a most companionable and genial friend. His distaste for the shallow common-places of social life made it impossible for him to have many intimate friends, but those he did cherish were loved with tenderest affection, and treated with princely honor. The younger preachers who were favored with his friendship derived great and lasting benefit from his fatherly counsel and generous assistance. He was not a man endowed with a popular power to magnetize and guide the multitudes, but it was his province to inspire the leaders of thought, and to impress with his genius the masters of human action.

In his large family he maintained a dignified authority, which was tempered with condescending gentleness and tenderness, so that while he was highly revered, he was tenderly beloved. Such were his constitutional peculiarities that he looked forward to the experience of the dying hour with shrinking dread. God, in his mercy, saved him from any conscious appreciation of the approach of the king of terrors. He had suffered somewhat for several days from a violent cold, and returning wearied from a visit to the village of Lyndonville, to his home, he fell asleep in his chair. Though partially aroused at one time by his anxious family, he never fully awoke, until the spirit, released from the prison of clay, merged into the open vision of the Heavenly and the Eternal. The legacy which he left behind was the legacy of his sublime teaching, his faith in God, and his Christian charity.

GLEZEN FILLMORE, D. D.

Rev. GLEZEN FILLMORE, D. D., was born in Bennington, Vt., December 22, 1789, and died in Clarence, January 26, 1875. He was the oldest of five children, and outlived the whole, excepting one, Rev. A. N. Fillmore, a member of

Western New York Conference. His history covers almost the entire history of the Church of which he was a valiant champion and an honored representative. His name and history are more intimately connected with the rise and spread of Methodism in Western New York than those of any other man, living or dead. The records, somewhat obscure, tend to show that he was formally licensed to exhort March 18, 1809, in the Westmoreland Quarterly Conference, Rev. Peter Van Nest, preacher-in-charge. On the 28th of March, 1809, he started, with a knapsack on his back, for the West.

He was married to Lavina Atwell, September 20, 1809. On the tenth of October, 1809, he was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of Batavia Circuit, which embraced territory equal to the old Genesee Conference. Gideon Draper was the Presiding Elder. The nine years spent as a local preacher were years of the most earnest and efficient labor of his life, as a minister. In 1818 he was recommended by a Quarterly Conference, held at a private house of one by the name of Barlow, in the town of Bethany, for admission to the Genesee Conference. His first appointment was Buffalo and Black Rock, but his circuit included a wide region of country on the north of the two places named.

When Elder FILLMORE was appointed to Buffalo, there was no church building in the city, and but one on the Holland Purchase—a little log-house, used by the Presbyterians, near Caledonia. When he came to the city, there were probably 1,500 inhabitants. He immediately commenced to look for a place to preach. A lot was leased on what is now Franklin street, and a church twenty-five by thirty-five feet, was commenced on the eighth of December, and dedicated on the twenty-fourth of January following, a period of forty-eight days. This was the first church ever erected in the city of Buffalo. During his labors here, a Quarterly Meeting was to be held in Clarence. The entire Church, consisting of seven persons, rode in a lumber wagon to the meeting. At the end of his second year, he reported eighty-two members. His salary during the first year was \$70; the second year, \$150.

In 1821, the old Holland Purchase Circuit was constituted a district, by the name of Erie, and he appointed to the charge of it. But what a District! It stretched from Lake Ontario to Meadville, Pa., and was nearly as wide as the old Genesee Conference. The labors of such a District were severe in the extreme, and the support exceedingly meager. The records show that at one quarterly meeting in this city he received 79 cents; at Lewiston, 75 cents.

In 1830-31 he was pastor of the first and only Methodist Episcopal Church then in Rochester. To this charge he moved his family. These years were the most remarkable of his entire ministry. In August, before he was fairly settled in his new field, there was a Camp Meeting held in Henrietta, which was attended with wonderful displays of divine power. The influence of the revival was carried back to Rochester. He has said that during its progress some nine hundred professed conversion. The Minutes of 1833 show a membership of seven hundred and thirty-two. This was the commencement of prosperity for Methodism in the then "village" of Rochester. If Buffalo may claim Dr. FILLMORE as the real founder of Methodism here, Rochester is also indebted to him for laying broad and deep the foundations of her grand successes.

He closed his public ministry where he commenced it forty-nine years before, counting in his time as a local preacher. The last four years of his active life were spent as Presiding Elder of Buffalo District. Four times he was appointed as pastor in this city, and as pastor and Presiding Elder here he labored to promote Christianity, in the form of Methodism, for twenty-one years. Twenty-seven years was he a Presiding Elder, and fourteen years a pastor. He belonged to the Genesee Conference (reckoning two years since its name was changed to Western New York) fifty-six years, and never missed a session; and it is doubtful if he was ever absent from his seat an hour, excepting at one session, when he was prevented by an accident received while in attendance. He showed his strong love for his life-work, in the remark which he made to his associate, Rev. R. L. Waite, as he left the cabinet without an appointment, to ask for a superannuated relation, "This is the hardest appointment I ever received."

When the Genesee Wesleyan Seminary was established at Lima, he took an active part in its conduct, and during a large part of his public life was a trustee. He was four times chosen by his brethren to represent them in General Conference.

GLEZEN FILLMORE needs no marble to keep alive his name in the history of Methodism of Western New York. The Churches which were planted in this city, in Rochester, and other fields, by his loving toil, shall be his enduring monument after brass and marble have crumbled into dust.

For some time previous to his death, his family observed that he spent more time than usual in secret devotion and in reading the Bible. He looked forward to death as the weary traveler looks to the night for rest; and he lay down at last as peacefully as to pleasant dreams. He died without pain. Even the King of Terrors seemed obsequious in his presence, and tenderly and sweetly closed his mortal career. But his race is run. He has exchanged the long, weary road of the itinerant, for the golden streets and sunlit hills of glory. An old warrior, covered with the dust of many a long-contested field, has been crowned a victor by the Saviour's own hand.

"Servant of God, well done!
Thy glorious warfare's past;
The battle's fought, the race is won,
And thou art crowned at last."

SCHUYLER SEAGER, D. D.

Rev. SCHUYLER SEAGER, D. D., was born July 26, 1807, in Simsbury, Conn., and died in Lockport, N. Y., October 22, 1874. His history forms an important part of the history of ten different Churches and two Seminaries, and extends over a period of more than forty years of active life. In his boyhood he was distinguished as a thorough scholar. He graduated with honor in the Wesleyan University at Middletown, Conn., in the year 1836, and at the institution he received in course in 1839 the degree of Master of Arts. Two institutions at the same time conferred on him the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity, one of which was his own *Alma Mater*. As an illustration of his

scholarship, he daily read several chapters of the New Testament in the original Greek, and in this way he read the entire book through thirty-four times.

Dr. SEAGER's first pastorate was in Lockport in 1833. It is befitting that he should be buried on the ground trodden by his youthful feet. Of those who were members of his Church here at that time only four remain. In 1834-5 he prosecuted his studies in the Wesleyan University and supplied Durham and Middlefield charge in the State of Connecticut. After graduating, in 1836, he took charge of Genesee Wesleyan Seminary, and occupied the position seven years. These, as some of the brethren know, were the palmy days of the Seminary; with Dr. SEAGER as Principal, and his wife, almost his compeer in scholarship, as Preceptress. In 1844 and 1845 he was pastor of the First Church, Rochester; in 1846 and 1847, St. John's (now Asbury) Church, in the same city; in 1848 and 1849 he was stationed at Pearl Street in Buffalo. From there he went to Swan Street (now Grace Church) in the same city. In 1852 and 1853 he was sent again to Lockport. The next six years were spent as Principal of Genesee Wesleyan Seminary and Dansville Academy.

From the last named place he was sent to Albion. At the Conference of 1863 he was returned to Grace Church, Buffalo.

The next three years he was stationed at Batavia, and from there went, at the clamorous demand of the Church, to Albion for another three years. From Albion he went for the third term to Lockport. The last year and a half he was pastor of the Church at Niagara Falls.

He was twice elected a member of the General Conference—once in 1844 and again in 1848. He spent twenty-seven years in the regular pastoral work and thirteen in teaching. It is probable that his influence was felt even more extensively as a conductor of a Seminary, in which from 500 to 800 were taught each year, than in the pastorate. He has often remarked that he could not travel in any portion of the country but that he would be saluted by men who had received instruction at his hands. Scores of men now in the ministry received their first religious impressions when under his care. Thus his influence will widen and extend through the ages.

In order to present in as condensed a manner as possible his characteristics, it may be remarked:

1. *He was a good man.* To few men of this or any other age could the description of Barnabas found in Scriptures apply with more propriety. "He was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith."

Probably no man ever passed away from the ministry of the M. E. Church to his final account, with a cleaner personal record than SCHUYLER SEAGER.

His goodness shone all the brighter, because it was not heralded by any extraordinary professions. His modesty was as remarkable as his piety. Religion was to him a rule of life.

2. *He was a successful minister.* He combined in himself the elements of a general popularity. In his pastoral work he was both dignified and affable.

As a platform speaker, especially in his earlier years, he was popular and successful. He was frequently called to the dedication of churches, and at our annual Conferences seldom a year passed when he was not demanded as

the orator at one or more of the anniversaries. His ministerial labors were generally crowned with that most gratifying proof to a Christian minister of success—revivals of religion. Some of the most extensive ever known in our Church have taken place under his labors.

If the names of those who are saved in heaven through a pastor's fidelity are set like jewels in the crown which he is to wear forever, his will be one of unrivaled brilliancy. But we shall see him on earth no more; yet we may look through our tears to the other shore of which he seemed so fond of speaking. Another one has fought life's great battle and conquered. Another victor has been crowned by Heaven's King amid applauding angels and joyous saints. While our Conference list has one less, the rolls of heaven have one more. We shall miss him in our annual Conference gatherings and in our social and ministerial assemblies. His prayers, exhortations and eloquent appeals will never again be heard. His form, ever dignified, we shall never look upon again. Do I say never! Faith looks through the thin veil, to the grand and eternal re-unions of heaven. There may we greet him and realize the consummation of all our hopes in an eternity of bliss. There three brothers, all faithful ministers on earth, have already met in fond embrace. He was twice happily married, and six children (four sons and two daughters) are left to repeat his virtues, and follow him, we trust, to the immortal shores. If he has left no other inheritance, he has left them the wealth of a spotless record and the example of a holy life. May they all prove themselves worthy of such noble parentage and share eternally with him the heaven in which he is now crowned a glorious conqueror.

WILLIAM I. RICHARDS.

Rev. WILLIAM I. RICHARDS was born in Fulton county, N. Y., July 30, 1815, and died at his home in Clarkson, Monroe county, N. Y., May 22, 1875. He was converted when nineteen years of age, and soon felt that God called him to the work of the ministry. For some years he labored as a local preacher, but God's call, seconded by the Church, caused him to leave all and devote his life exclusively to the ministry. He consequently entered the traveling connection in 1850, in the Black River Conference. The following is his Conference record. He was stationed in 1850 at Boonville; '51, E. Canada Creek; '52 and '53, St. Johnsville; '54 and '55, Newport; '56 and '57, Steuben; '58 and '59, Floyd; '60, St. Johnsville, second time; '61, Superannuated; '62 and '63, Parma, Genesee Conference; '64 Stafford; '65, '66 and '67 Hulberton and Clarendon; '68 and '69, Carlton; '70, '71 and '72, Elba; '73, W. Webster; '74, Sweden. These were years of hard work, but years of success. The victories of his life were signal. Hundreds of souls were brought to Christ through his instrumentality. His idea of success of a minister of Christ was the winning of souls. With such results of his labors he was content. Without them he would have been unhappy. So ardent were his feelings in this matter that he often said, that if a year passed without a revival and the conversion of souls on his charge, he should feel compelled to locate and cease preaching. Brother Richards was a man of remarkable kindness. No one

could apply to him for counsel, sympathy or support without feeling that they had found a true friend. He loved his brethren in the ministry as his kindred, and no truer friendship could be possessed than his. He was a man of principle, and rested upon what he conceived to be right as upon a rock. No partisan feeling could divert him from his position thus taken. Though emotional he was ever consistent. In all measures discussed in the Conference, he was always interested, and though seldom taking part, he was decided in opinion, and ready with his vote. As a Christian, he was a man of marked character. Christian experience to him did not mean a theory of religion, but it meant knowledge so clearly demonstrated by God's Spirit that it became real. He was not satisfied with a mere profession of principle, but only with a clear consciousness of God's presence in his heart and life. Based on such knowledge was his mighty influence in prayer. He knew God. He knew that "He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him."

Upon once being asked if he ever had doubts of immortality, he replied: "No; I know there is an immortal life. I know there is a heaven, and I know I shall get there. I trust everything in Jesus Christ."

In his sickness, and while dying, his experience was as clear as in health. His last few weeks were weeks of intense suffering, but they were weeks of Christian triumph and preparation for rest, for his experience was brighter and more precious than ever, as though God was arraying him in purer robes for the possession of more precious habitations. He rests in peace.

ROBERT PARKER.

The Rev. ROBERT PARKER was born at Fishing Creek, Luzerne Co., Pennsylvania, on the 30th of March, 1792, and was the fourth child, and one of eight children of the Rev. Nathaniel Parker, a local deacon in the Methodist Episcopal Church. He died at home, in Sparta, Livingston Co., on Thursday evening, the 3d of December, 1874, in his eighty-third year. The family moved to New York State in 1800, and to Sparta in 1806. Robert was converted at the early age of eleven, and joined the church. He was married in 1818 to Susannah, daughter of Major Gardner Gilbert, a Revolutionary soldier of some note, who was for over a year private secretary to Gen. Washington. Father PARKER had three children, two of whom are now living, viz.: Mrs. Judge Hubbard, of Geneseo, and Augustus L. Parker; one son, Nathaniel G., died in his twelfth year. Father PARKER joined the Genesee Conference in 1820, and continued a member thereof until his death, 47 years in active work and 7 years superannuated. The Genesee Conference, at the time above mentioned, included Western and portions of Central and Northern New York, part of Pennsylvania, the whole of Upper Canada, and a part of Michigan. Father PARKER's first circuit was called Canisteo circuit, and included Dansville and Painted Post. His last circuit was Rogersville, which was included in his first circuit. With his brothers, Revs. Samuel and John Parker, he worked faithfully, early and late, for nearly half a century. His earlier circuits required three hundred miles travel, which occupied six weeks' time. Riding from morning till evening twilight through thick forests marked only by Indian

trails, swimming bridgeless rivers, climbing hills and mountains, and preaching nightly in log hut, or school-house or barn, or out of doors, summer and winter, this veteran did an amount of labor for his Master that few modern preachers conceive of. He lived a life of remarkable purity and earnestness; willing to work wherever there was work to do, he never asked for a good appointment; content with what his charge could pay him, he never received sufficient compensation, in return for his arduous labors, to support his family.

Some eight years ago Father PARKER became totally blind, but his spiritual sight was as good as ever, and he continued to labor on. Subsequently an operation for cataract restored him to sight. About five years since he was thrown from a carriage with such force as to break his thigh. Since then he has been confined to his bed for the greater part of the time, and for the last two years of his life was almost entirely bereft of reason by a paralytic stroke. But, strange as it may appear, during all this latter period he never lost his hold on the higher life, but prayed as intelligibly and eloquently, and sang the old familiar hymns as sweetly as when in the vigor of manhood. And when he was summoned home, he died like a child going to sleep.

The funeral of Father PARKER was largely attended by relatives and friends, from the residence of his son. By special request of the surviving widow, Rev. Mr. Wooden, a personal friend of the deceased, conducted the services. In the course of his brief but earnest sermon, the speaker paid eloquent and touching tribute to the character and life-work of the "prince and great man in Israel who had fallen," and held him up as a bright exemplar for preacher and people of the present day. After the sermon, the mortal remains of the devoted servant of God were conveyed to Greenmount Cemetery, where they were tenderly and tearfully deposited.

VERANUS BROWNELL.

Rev. VERANUS BROWNELL, of the Western New York Conference, was born March 16, 1810, and died December 11, 1874. He was a native of Vermont, and the only child of Joseph and Rachel Brownell. Left motherless in infancy, it was his hard lot, for the first eight years of his life, to be cast among people who had for him little care and less sympathy.

At the age of nine he received an accidental blow from an axe, which made him a cripple for life. At thirteen he was thrust out into the world, in mid-winter, penniless and almost naked, to care for himself as best he could. Making his way in his stocking-feet (shoes he had none) to the distant village of Potsdam, he there served an apprenticeship at the shoemaker's trade.

Concluding to try his fortunes in the then "far West," he went to the rising village of Rochester, on the Genesee River.

By invitation of a Christian family, with whom he was providentially thrown, he accompanied them to a Camp Meeting held in Upper Canada, and was there soundly converted, and called to the work of the Ministry. This was in his seventeenth year. Up to this time he had never been in school a single day. Feeling the importance of thorough preparation for his great commission, he at once entered upon a systematic course of study. But at the end of his first term at school the authorities of the Church very

unwisely, as he ever afterward thought, urged him out into the field, under the specious plea that, while "gaining knowledge is a good thing, saving souls is a better." But, notwithstanding his limited advantages, so keen and constant was his thirst for knowledge; so close and accurate were his habits of observation; and, above all, so implicit was his reliance upon the truth of God's Word and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the embarrassment of his early disadvantages in this direction was ultimately quite overcome.

On the 19th of November, 1833, he was united in marriage to Miss Margaret L. Jenkins, who proved a companion every way worthy of him. He united with the old Genesee Conference, at its session held in Dansville, 1841, taking his appointments at Hornellsville, Avoca, Naples, Springwater, Rogersville, Angelica, Conesus, Sparta. It was while on this last named charge that he met with the sorest affliction of his life, in the sudden death of the beloved wife of his youth, December 28th, 1852. He subsequently married Miss Lois Showers, a most devoted and confiding companion, who survives him.

He leaves fourteen children—ten by his first marriage, four by the second. Nine of them, and six of the sons and daughters-in-law, are to-day devoted members of the Methodist Episcopal Church—nearly all of them holding positions of official trust. One son, J. T. Brownell, and two sons-in-law, Wm. H. Rogers and J. B. Countryman, are active members of the Western New York Conference.

During the last several years of his life the subject of this memoir was sorely afflicted with sciatic rheumatism, which ultimately became so disabling as to compel him to ask for a superannuated relation to his Conference. This was in the year 1872. Still he continued to preach nearly every Sabbath, for the most part in his own neighborhood, near Canaseraga, Allegany Co., N. Y., where he was held in the highest veneration, beloved as a father, listened to as an apostle. His last sermon was preached in September, 1874, just before Conference, when, in the words of some who were present on that occasion, "it seemed as though an angel from Heaven had come to declare the unsearchable riches of Christ."

His last days and nights were passed in midst of the most excruciating bodily sufferings; but through it all there flowed the same unruffled peace and cheerful resignation to the "will of the Lord," for which his whole religious life had been remarkable. "It will all be over soon," he would say with a smile, "and then I shall have rest. I have tried not to flinch at the call of duty, in any spot or place," he said, "but O, I am so unworthy! My only hope is in the infinite atonement of Christ."

And when, at length, the hour of his dissolution was near—when the mists of the dark river had blinded his eyes to all human sights forever—one of his sons stooped down and repeated in his ear, from the twenty-third Psalm, "Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death"—at this point he started, and the words "no fear! no fear!" burst from his lips, while an unearthly radiance suffused his pallid features, smoothing out their deep lines of pain, and lingering there in indescribable loveliness until he was laid to his final rest.

MINUTES

OF THE

LAYMEN'S ELECTORAL CONFERENCE.

HELD IN ASBURY CHURCH, BUFFALO, OCT. 2, 1875.

The Conference was called to order at 11 o'clock A. M., by F. H. Root, Esq., of Buffalo, and organized by the election of Ezra Jones, Esq., of Rochester, Temporary Chairman, W. C. Crum, Secretary, and Jabesh Harris, Assistant Secretary.

After singing, and prayer by the Chairman, it was

Ordered, That the Lists of Representatives, as furnished by the Presiding Elders, be received as credentials.

The List of Delegates present was made out as follows :

BUFFALO DISTRICT.

Buffalo :

Grace Church, Jabez Loton.
Asbury, H. H. Otis.
Delaware Avenue, F. H. Root.
Plymouth, Wm. Caudell.
Riverside, S. Barker.
Eagle Street, Jabesh Harris.
Springville, J. H. Potter.
Akron, J. Tuttle.
Evans and Brant, D. Roberts.
Collins and Concord, O. S. Knight.

Aurora, A. J. Perry.
Eden and North Evans, L. Sprague.
Lancaster and Elma, J. Clark.
Wales, J. Burrows.
Boston and W. Falls, A. W. Blakely.
Marilla and Cowlesville, J. P. Flood.
Attica, L. C. Squires.
East Hamburg and Woodside, W. Sandle.
Gowanda and Indian Mission, H. J. Brown.

NIAGARA DISTRICT.

Lockport :

Niagara Street, S. B. Foote.
Clinton Street, W. L. Few.
Pendleton, R. C. Foote.
Niagara Falls, S. V. Saleno.
Pekin and Sanborn, T. Root.
Wilson, S. B. Miller.
Cambria, J. A. Poole.
Newfane, W. Shaw.
Hartland, A. Hayes.

Somerset, H. F. Tripp.
Lyndonville, R. Barry.
Medina, E. S. Whalen.
Barre, S. Porter.
Carlton, G. Miller.
Hulberton, M. Leonard.
Holley and Clarendon, G. M. Copeland.
Kendall, D. W. Conklin.
Middleport, D. Snell.
Royalton, C. E. Bixby.

ROCHESTER DISTRICT.

Rochester :

First Church, E. Jones.
Corn Hill, W. C. Crum.
Asbury, H. Davis.
Alexander Street, H. B. Everest.
Frank Street, A. J. Elliott.
Pittsford, W. Geer.
Penfield, A. Raymond.
Victor, W. Boughton.

Macedon and Perinton, J. Cline.
Lakeside and Ontario, J. S. Hodges.
Webster, E. D. Potter.
West Webster, S. C. Peet.
Scottsville, J. Moon.
Bergen, J. L. McConnell.
Churchville, C. Bowen.
Spencerport and Gates, R. Van Voorhis.
Brockport, E. C. Criswell.

LIMA DISTRICT.

Lima, J. Dailey.
Livonia, I. Patchin,
North Cohocton, E. S. Carpenter.
Scottsburg and East Sparta, I. E.
Brownell.
Groveland, F. Barber.
Sparta, W. A. Green.

Nunda, D. M. Roberts.
Canaseraga, E. Fritz.
Angelica, W. Hooker.
Andover, J. B. Mead.
Dansville, A. L. Gilbert.
Geneseo, S. Hubbard.

BATH DISTRICT.

Bath, 2d Charge, A. Ferris.
Merchantville, J. W. Colson.

Towlesville, A. Gay.
Fremont, J. Ingals.

GENESEE DISTRICT.

Batavia, J. L. Curtiss.
East Elba, A. D. Mills.
Centreville and Eagle, D. S. Shields.
Castile, G. Burridge.
Perry, J. W. Dalrymple.

Pavilion and Covington, T. Jeffreys.
Alabama, H. Phelps.
Sardinia and Arcade, B. Hughes.
Fowlerville Circuit, J. Torrey.

OLEAN DISTRICT.

Olean, W. C. Myrick.
Portville, C. W. Van Wart.
Allegany, D. F. Raub.
Hinsdale, H. Webster.
Friendship, C. Braden.
Cuba, F. J. Emons.
Otto, W. H. Strickland.

East Otto, P. P. Safford.
Franklinville, J. Huff.
Coudersport, H. J. Olmstead.
Ellicottville, O. McRay.
Smethport, W. J. Colegrove.
Rushford, J. Thompson.
Willing, H. O. Yale.

On motion of F. H. Root, Esq., a committee of one from each District was appointed to report officers for permanent organization.

On motion of G. M. Copeland, a committee of one from each District was appointed to report resolutions.

Recess till 2 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Committee on Permanent Organization, through F. H. Root, Esq., Chairman, reported the following nominations, which were confirmed, viz.:

CHAIRMAN—Hon. S. Hubbard.

SECRETARY—H. J. Olmsted.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY—S. V. Saleno.

The Chairman was conducted to his seat by Chairman of the Committee, and after a few appropriate remarks, announced that the Conference was organized and ready to proceed to business.

An informal ballot was taken for two delegates to the next General Conference with the following result:

E. Occumpaugh, 79; H. H. Otis, 62; H. J. Olmsted, 18; F. H. Root, 17; J. L. Curtiss, 6; S. Hubbard, 3; H. Davis, 1; J. S. Lyon, 1; E. Fritz, 1.

F. H. Root withdrew his name from the canvas.

Conference then proceeded to a formal ballot, and E. Occumpaugh having received 92 votes, and H. H. Otis having received 90 votes, were declared unanimously elected.

A ballot was then taken for Reserve Delegates, with the following result:

H. J. Olmsted, 49; Hiram Davis, 31; S. Hubbard, 29; Burleigh, 13; F. H. Root, 4; J. L. Curtiss, 2.

On motion, H. J. Olmsted and H. Davis were declared elected.

The Committee on Resolutions reported, and the following were adopted, viz. :

Whereas, The plan of our Itinerant General Superintendency has been hitherto guarded with great jealousy and vigilance, and, in our judgment, is essential to the thorough working and success of our organization as a Church ;

And, whereas, Our original system of Circuits has been greatly changed and crippled by the multiplication of single Charges and Appointments ;

And, whereas, These changes have resulted in the undue enlargement of the numerical force of the Presiding Eldership, thereby throwing burdensome and unnecessary expenses upon weak charges and appointments to sustain the incumbents of said office ; therefore,

Resolved, That in our judgment, as representatives of the laity of the Western New York Conference, the number of Presiding Elders' Districts, in said Conference, should be reduced to two.

(A motion to change the last word of the above resolution from "two" to "four," was lost by a vote of 30 ayes to 32 noes.)

Resolved, That as laymen of the Western New York Conference, we hail with satisfaction the growing feeling and manifest evidences in favor of fraternity between the great bodies of the Methodist Episcopal Church North and South, and trust that the day is at hand when a closer union shall be established among all the families of Methodism throughout the world.

On motion of F. H. Root, it was voted, as the sense of this meeting, that the lay representative of the charge where the next Electoral Conference may be held, should call said Conference to order at its opening.

The Delegates to General Conference were instructed to secure, if possible, a change in the time of holding the Electoral Conference, from the third day of the Annual Conference to the second.

The Secretary was ordered to print the Minutes with those of the Annual Conference, if possible, and a collection was taken to pay the expense.

After singing a hymn, the Conference adjourned *sine die*.

H. J. OLMSTED, *Secretary*.

CONSTITUTION OF THE MUTUAL AID SOCIETY

OF THE

EAST GENESEE CONFERENCE.

ARTICLE I. This Association shall be styled the MUTUAL AID SOCIETY of the East Genesee Conference.

ART. II. All members of the Mutual Aid Society of East Genesee Conference at the time said Conference was divided in 1872, may retain their membership in full with all accruing privileges, to whatever Conference they may be attached; and any member of the Central or the Western New York Conference not more than forty years of age, and possessed of firm health, shall be deemed eligible to membership in this Society, and may be elected by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting in either Conference Division.

Every member who is not more than thirty years of age, shall pay an initiation fee of twenty dollars, which fee shall be increased one dollar for each additional year of age up to forty years; and thereafter an annual tax of five dollars into the funds of the Society.

ART. III. There shall be in each Conference a committee consisting of one member from each Presiding Elder's District, to be denominated the Health Committee, to which all applications for membership shall be referred. If the committee shall report that the health of the candidate is regarded as firm, he may become a member. But if said committee shall otherwise report, then the applicant shall in no case be received.

ART. IV. All the moneys received by this Society for initiation fees, annual dues, by donations or bequests, shall be securely invested, as hereinafter provided, and shall remain intact forever. But the interest arising from such investments shall, after the necessary expenses of the Society have been paid, be employed and disposed of as follows:

1st. The widow of any deceased member, or if he leaves no widow, then the legal heirs, or in any case such person as he may by will determine, shall have a claim on the funds of the Society for an amount which shall be equal to the sum of fifteen dollars from each and every member of the Association. And this claim shall take precedence of any and every other claim whatever on the funds of the Society. And all such claims shall be discharged within three months from the close of the first session of the Western New York Annual Conference held subsequent to the decease of any member or members; if however, the interests from the invested funds shall not be sufficient to discharge such claims, then the Treasurer may call upon each and every member of the Association for such an equal amount, as shall in the aggregate be sufficient for that purpose; *provided*, that he shall not call upon any member for more than twenty dollars in a single year.

Should more than two deaths of members occur in any one year, the claim or claims accruing by such additional mortality shall be assessed and paid the following year or years in the order of their accruing.

2d. Any member of this Association to whom shall be granted a superannuated relation by the Central or the Western New York Conference, shall be a claimant on the funds of the Society during the period of his superannuation to the amount of two hundred dollars annually, which claims shall be discharged as follows:

If there be any moneys in the treasury arising from the invested funds, and not required to pay the expenses of the Society, or to discharge the claims of the widows or legal heirs of deceased members, then such moneys shall be equally divided among superannuated preachers. But if there be no such moneys, or if they be insufficient to meet the claims of such persons, then the Treasurer shall be authorized to collect the sum of two dollars, or such less sum as shall be sufficient, from each member of the Society for that purpose; and the amount thus made up and paid over shall be a full discharge of such claim.

ART. V. Any member who shall neglect to pay the sum required of him in accordance with the provisions of Article II and Article IV of this Constitution, within thirty days after the adjournment of his Annual Conference, or if he be not a member of either Annual Conference, within thirty days after the adjournment of the Western New York Annual Conference, due notice having been sent him by mail by the Treasurer, or who shall be expelled from Conference, shall forfeit all the privileges of this Society; but the Association in one of its Conference Divisions shall by vote determine whether such forfeiture has been effected. Any member who may become located, or who may withdraw from the Conference, or be transferred into another Conference, may continue his interest in the Life Insurance provisions of this Constitution, by paying such sums as may be required from time to time for the benefit of the heirs of deceased members.

ART. VI. The officers of this Society shall be a President, a Secretary, and five Trustees for each Conference Division, who shall be chosen by ballot from among the members, and one Treasurer with one Assistant for both Divisions, who shall be elected annually by ballot by the Board of Finance. The Assistant Treasurer shall not be a member of the same Conference as the Treasurer.

The President and Secretaries shall be elected annually during the sessions of their respective Conferences. The Trustees shall be elected as follows: At the first regular meeting of each Division five Trustees shall be elected, who shall hold their office for one, two, three, four and five years respectively, and thereafter a Trustee shall be annually elected in each Conference Division.

ART. VII. The President shall preside at all meetings of his Conference Division. The Secretary shall keep the records and conduct the correspondence of his Conference Division. The Treasurer shall receive the funds of the Association and disburse them according to its direction, and shall make annually to each Conference Division, a complete exhibit of its fiscal condition.

If the Treasurer be not in attendance at any meeting of either Conference Division, the Assistant Treasurer shall receive all funds paid in at said meeting and immediately remit them to the Treasurer by draft, or in such manner as may be directed by the Division. Said Assistant shall also render aid as desired in preparing the reports and conducting the correspondence of the Society.

The Trustees, together with the Presidents, the Secretaries, the Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer, shall constitute a Board of Finance, over which one of the Presidents shall preside and which shall preserve an accurate record of its proceedings, whose duty it shall be to loan all moneys received by the Association, except those designed to meet the claims of the heirs of deceased members, to such persons and for such periods as they shall judge advisable; *provided*, that such loans shall call for annual interest and for the payment of the whole sum loaned in case the interest is not paid as stipulated, and shall be secured by bond and mortgage on unincumbered real estate, situate and being in the State of New York, and shall not exceed two-thirds the assessed

value of such real estate, exclusive of all perishable improvements. Any sum remaining unloaned according to the above mentioned conditions, shall be deposited or loaned by the Treasurer as the Board of Finance shall by vote direct.

The Board of Finance shall meet annually on the third Tuesday of November, at such place as may have been designated and at such other times as it may by vote determine; and either Division President shall have power, and it shall be his duty, to call a special meeting of the Board whenever he shall be requested by any three members of the Board to do so. Notice of a special meeting shall be sent by mail to every member of the Board at least two weeks before the time appointed; and at all meetings it shall require at least eight members of the Board to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ART. VIII. No officer of this Association shall receive any compensation whatever for his services; but all expenses incurred by officers or other members, which the Board of Finance may judge to be necessary to carry out the objects of the Society, may be refunded.

ART. IX. Any article of these Regulations may be amended or repealed, or any other article added, by a concurrent vote of both Divisions, duly certified by the Presidents and Secretaries.

NOTE.

A pressure of matter demanding publication in this number of our Conference Annual has compelled some variations from the standard and approved form of previous years.

In the tables several columns appear without the cents, caused by limited space; the amounts however appear correctly in the footings.

The work of proof-reading and office-editing has been performed with great fidelity by the Recording Secretary.

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